

29.01 Information Resources



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Policy Summary

The Board of Regents (board) of The Texas A&M University System (system) regards information resources as a vital part of fulfilling the mission of the system. The system chief information officer (SCIO) is responsible for coordinating the system's information resources, including ensuring, in consultation with each member chief executive officer (CEO), the effectiveness, confidentiality and efficiency of members' information resources. In addition, the SCIO, in consultation with each CEO, is responsible for ensuring that appropriate rules are implemented to safeguard computer systems, networks and data and mitigating risks that may compromise information integrity, availability and confidentiality.

This policy establishes the authority and responsibilities of the SCIO and provides the minimum rules to be developed and implemented by members to govern the use of information resources.

Definitions

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Policy

1. SYSTEM INFORMATION RESOURCES GOVERNANCE

- 1.1 The efficient and effective use of information resources is critical to the long-term success of the system. To that end, the SCIO is responsible for ensuring that all members implement rules for the appropriate management of information resources, including provisions designed to guarantee that information resources expenditures from any funding source are efficient and serve to improve system services.
- 1.2 Each member must develop and implement rules to ensure compliance with applicable Texas Department of Information Resources' rules, including but not limited to Texas Administrative Code, Title 1, Ch. 202, *Information Security Standards*, Ch. 206, *State Web Sites*, and Ch. 213, *Electronic and Information Resources*. New or revised member information resources rules are not effective until approved by the SCIO or designee, in addition to other approvals required by the system or member.

- 1.3 The SCIO, with the chancellor's approval, must develop an information resources governance structure at the system level that accomplishes the following:
- (a) establishes a systemwide information technology (IT) vision that supports member missions and goals;
 - (b) reduces non-productive redundancy across the system;
 - (c) when in the best interest of the system, and strategic objectives of the member(s), consolidates resources including networks, hardware, systems and applications;
 - (d) improves the security of the system's technology infrastructure; and
 - (e) determines the appropriate thresholds for delegating purchasing authority for member information resources to member CEOs.

2. USE OF SYSTEM INFORMATION RESOURCES

- 2.1 Each user of system information resources is responsible for using those system information resources in accordance with the guidelines established by the Texas Department of Information Resources, the Texas Ethics Commission, and System Policy *07.01, Ethics*. Accordingly, each user must:
- (a) use information resources for officially authorized business purposes, with an exception for incidental use as allowed in accordance with System Policy *33.04, Use of System Resources*;
 - (b) promptly disclose fraud, waste or abuse in accordance with System Policy *10.02, Fraud Prevention*;
 - (c) adhere to all laws, regulations and policies that refer to the use of information resources; and
 - (d) endeavor to avoid any actions that would create the appearance that the user is violating the law or the system's ethical standards.
- 2.2 There is no expectation of privacy when using system information resources beyond that which is expressly provided by applicable privacy laws. Information created, stored or transmitted on system information resources may be subject to disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act or through legal or administrative proceedings. While the system does not routinely monitor individual usage of system information resources, members have the right to examine information created, stored or transmitted on system information resources for general business purposes, including but not limited to the normal operation and maintenance of such resources.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

[Tex. Educ. Code § 51.9335, Acquisition of Goods and Services](#)

[Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 2054, Information Resources](#)

[1 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 202, *Information Security Standards*](#)

[1 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 206, *State Websites*](#)

[1 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 207, *Telecommunications Services*](#)

[1 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 209, *Minimum Standards for Meetings Held by Videoconference*](#)

[1 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 211, *Information Resources Managers*](#)

[1 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 213, *Electronic and Information Resources*](#)

[1 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 215, *Statewide Technology Centers*](#)

[1 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 216, *Project Management Practices*](#)

[1 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 217, *Procurement of Information Resources*](#)

[System Policy 10.02, *Fraud Prevention*](#)

[System Regulation 29.01.01, *Information Resources Governance*](#)

[System Regulation 29.01.02, *Use of Licensed Software*](#)

[System Regulation 29.01.03, *Information Security*](#)

[System Regulation 29.01.04, *Accessibility of Electronic Information Resources*](#)

[System Policy 33.04, *Use of System Resources*](#)

[System Regulation 33.04.02, *Use of Telecommunication Services*](#)

Member Rule Requirements

A rule is required to supplement this policy. See Sections 1.1 and 1.2.

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