

RESOLUTION

The Draft "Policy on Legal and Ethical Use of Computer Resources and Software" is unacceptable

The Faculty Senate finds the draft "Policy on Legal and Ethical Use of Computer Resources and Software" dated 9/22/94 unacceptable. It is inconsistent with the intent of the Faculty Handbook, and raises troubling issues of academic freedom, privacy and due process.

It is the sense of the Faculty Senate that existing Academic Misconduct provisions cover misuse of electronic networks and/or information technology, including illegal copying of software or data, improper use of university property, and violation of applicable federal and state laws. Such violations are subject to the rules appropriate for misconduct as put forth in the Faculty Handbook and the Student Handbook.

Furthermore, the draft policy was formulated without appropriate consultation with the faculty. Any specific University policy regulating the use of electronic networks and/or information technology by faculty, staff, and/or students should be formulated by an appropriate University Committee, a majority of whose members are current full-time faculty, and must be included in the Faculty Handbook.

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