



Robert L. Barchi, President

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Mr. Kenneth Swalagin
University Senate
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
ASB III, Suite 110
Cook/Douglass Campus

Dear Mr. Swalagin:

I write in response to the University Senate Report and Recommendations on Charge S-1614 to examine the existing University Acceptable Use Policy for Information Technology Resources, as proposed by the Senate's Instruction, Curricula, and Advising Committee and adopted by the University Senate at its January 2017 meeting. The committee's thoughtful examination and subsequent recommendations regarding the content and construct of the policy have provided a framework for moving forward.

I support keeping the Acceptable Use Policy with its original intended scope and establishing separate email and privacy policies.

The email policy will make no reference to specific products, will include a definition of the term "university business," and will address health-related and other confidential communications. Using the privacy policy from the University of Michigan as a model, the privacy policy for Rutgers will focus on the circumstances of privacy, access to records, clear definitions of different types of records, what constitutes legitimate business need to access those records, and other related issues.

Shortly after the Senate's adoption of the report, I tasked our University Chief Information Officer, Michele Norin, with making applicable changes outlined in the report and instituting the newly modified policies.

I appreciate the time and attention the Instruction, Curricula, and Advising Committee has devoted to these very important issues.

Sincerely,

Robert Barchi

c: Barbara A. Lee, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
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