



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 am writing in response to the University Senate's January 22, 2016 resolution on the Draft Web Accessibility Policy. I thank the members of the Senate Executive Committee for their attention to this important policy.

My administration appreciates the Senate's endorsement of the draft policy, which establishes standards for the accessibility and usability of Rutgers web-based information and services, in compliance with state and federal regulations and laws. Adoption of this policy should enhance our efforts to employ assistive technologies across all university webpages, improving access for all of Rutgers' diverse constituents. Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Barbara Lee and Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer Michele Norin have both approved a final version of the policy, which is not substantially different from the draft version the Senate reviewed. It has been shared with the Office of the Secretary for inclusion in the University Policy Library.

Sincerely,

Robert Barchi

c: Barbara A. Lee, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Michele Norin, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer
Kimberlee Pastva, Interim Secretary of the University
Christopher Retzko, Assistant Secretary of the University