Information Resources

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Rule Summary

Texas A&M University-Texarkana (A&M-Texarkana) regards information resources as vital academic and administrative assets that are required to fulfill the mission of the University. The Chief Information Officer (CIO) and the Information Security Officer (ISO) are responsible for ensuring the confidentiality, security and efficiency of the university's information resources. This rule establishes the authority and responsibilities of the CIO and the ISO and outlines the procedures that govern the use of information resources at A&M-Texarkana as required by System Policy 29.01, *Information Resources*.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. INFORMATION RESOURCES GOVERNANCE

- 1.1 As an institution of higher education, A&M-Texarkana is required to comply with all applicable Texas Department of Information Resources' rules, including, without limitation, Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 1, Chapter 2020 (TAC 202), Chapter 211 (TAC 211), Chapter 206 (TAC 206), Chapter 213 (TAC 213).
- 1.2 TAC 202 assigns the ultimate responsibility for information resources to the President of the university. Under TAC 211, the President may designate a senior official as the designee who functions as the Information Resource Manager (IRM). At A&M-Texarkana, the CIO shall fulfill the IRM role unless otherwise delegated by the President.
- 1.3 Under TAC 202 and System Regulation 29.01.03, Information Security, the President shall designate an ISO who has the explicit authority and duty to administer information security requirements in consultation with the Texas A&M University System Chief Information Security Officer (SCISO).
- 1.4 The efficient and effective use of information resources is critical to the long-term success of the University. The CIO and ISO are responsible for ensuring that the University and all information resource owners have implemented the required rules, procedures and guidelines for the appropriate management of information resources under their control.

- 1.5 Under the direction of the CEO and VP of Finance and Administration, the CIO and ISO shall establish an information resources governance structure that:
 - 1.5.1 Identifies and coordinates the best source(s) for information technology hardware, software and services;
 - 1.5.2 Reduces non-productive redundancy across the university;
 - 1.5.3 Consolidates resources including networks, hardware, systems and applications as appropriate; and
 - 1.5.4 Ensures the security of the university's technology infrastructure and information resources.

2. INFORMATION RESOURCES SECURITY

- 2.1 In accordance with <u>System Policy 29.01, Information Resources</u> and <u>System</u> <u>Regulation 29.01.03, Information Security</u>, the CIO and the ISO will:
 - 3.1.1 Develop, document and implement an information security program to protect the member's information and information resources. This plan must include the elements required by TAC 202.
 - 3.1.2 Work within the university's governance and compliance environment to develop all required rules, procedures and guidelines to ensure compliance with applicable laws, policy and regulations regarding information resources and security. This includes the development of the university's information security program outlined in System Policy 29.01, Information Resources, and System Regulation 29.01.03, Information Security.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

System Policy 29.01, Information Resources System Regulation 29.01.03, Information Security Tex. Admin. Code, Title 1, Part 10, Ch 202, Information Security Standards for Institutions of Higher Education Tex. Admin. Code, Title 1, Part 10, Ch 211, Information Resources Managers Tex. Admin. Code, Title 1, Part 10, Ch 206, State Websites Tex. Admin. Code, Title 1, Part 10, Ch 213, Electronic and Information Resources The Texas A&M University System Cybersecurity Regulations and Standards

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