

# **E-mail Policy**

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### 1 – Purpose

Electronic mail is one of CUN's main means of communication. Misuse of e-mail can post many legal, privacy and security risks, thus it's important for users to understand the appropriate use of electronic communications. The purpose of this e-mail policy is to ensure the proper use of CUN's e-mail system and make users aware of what CUN deems as acceptable and unacceptable use of its e-mail system. This policy outlines the minimum requirements for use of e-mail within CUN's network.

## 2 – Scope

This policy covers appropriate use of any e-mail sent from a CUN e-mail address or any e-mail address using CUN's e-mail network and applies to all users operating on behalf of CUN, as well as all students.

### 3 – Policy

- 1. All use of e-mail must be consistent with CUN's policies and procedures of ethical conduct, safety, compliance with applicable laws and proper business practices.
- 2. CUN e-mail accounts are to be used for communication between CUN and the user and for formal duty-related and study-related communication with third parties. Personal communication is permitted on a limited basis, but non-CUN related commercial uses are prohibited.
- All CUN data contained within an e-mail message or a document attached to a CUN e-mail message, must be secured according to CUN's encryption policies and all messages must be digitally signed.
- 4. E-mail are to be retained only if it qualifies as a 'CUN record'. E-mail is a 'CUN record' if there exists a legitimate and ongoing reason to preserve the information contained in the e-mail.
- 5. E-mail that is identified as a 'CUN record' shall be retained according to CUN's e-mail retention rules.
- 6. CUN's e-mail system shall not to be used for the creation or distribution of any disruptive or offensive messages and/or for the creation and distribution of content that is in any way in violation of any of CUN's policies. Users who receive any e-mail messages with this content from any other CUN e-mail user should report the matter to their direct manager, CUN's ICT Department or the Student Counselor.
- 7. Users are prohibited from automatically forwarding CUN-related e-mail messages to a third party email system. Individual messages which are forwarded by the user must not contain confidential CUN information or content that is in violation of any of CUN's policies.
- 8. Users are prohibited from using third-party e-mail systems and storage servers such as Google, Yahoo and MSN Hotmail to conduct CUN business or to perform duty- or study-related tasks, to create or memorialize any binding transactions or to store or retain e-mail on behalf of CUN. Such communications and transactions must be conducted through proper channels using CUN-approved documentation.
- 9. Using a reasonable amount of CUN resources for personal e-mails is acceptable, but non-work related e-mail messages must be saved in a separate folder from work related e-mail messages. Sending chain letters or joke e-mails from a CUN e-mail account is prohibited.
- 10. Users shall have no expectation of complete privacy in anything they store, send or receive on the company's e-mail system.
- 11. CUN may monitor messages without prior notice, however CUN is not obliged to monitor e-mail messages.



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## 4 – Policy compliance

CUN will verify compliance to this policy through various methods, including but not limited to, periodic 'walk-through', (video-) monitoring, business tool reports and internal and external audits.

Any exception to this policy must be approved by CUN's ICT Department team in advance.

An CUN e-mail user found to have violated this policy may be subject to disciplinary action.

## 5 – Revision History

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