UNBC Acceptable Use Policy

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to promote the responsible and ethical use of the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) computing resources The computing resources at the University of Northern British Columbia support the educational, research, and administrative activities of the University.   The use of these resources is a privilege that is extended to members of UNBC community.

2.0 Scope

This policy applies to all users of computing resources owned or managed by the University of Northern British Columbia. Individuals covered by the policy include (but are not limited to) the University of Northern British Columbia faculty and visiting faculty, staff, students, researchers, alumni, guests or agents of the administration, external individuals and organizations accessing network services via UNBC's computing facilities.

Computing resources include all university owned, licensed, or managed hardware and software, and use of the university network via a physical or wireless connection, regardless of the ownership of the computer or device connected to the network.

3.0 Acceptable Use Policy

All UNBC computer users are expected to adhere to the computer use policy described here. In addition, users may be subject to additional regulations set by those responsible for a particular computing facility. Such regulations must be publicized. With due regard for the right of privacy of users and the confidentiality of their data, authorized university staff will routinely monitor computing activity in order to safeguard the security and smooth operation of UNBC computing resources.

Individuals must respect the rights of other authorized users. The following activities are prohibited:

1. Using the computer access privileges of others or sharing one's username and password; interfering with the security or confidentiality of other users' files or maliciously destroying any computer stored material including that in primary storage

2. Impeding others or interfering with their legitimate use of computing facilities (this includes but is not limited to sending obscene, threatening, or repeated unnecessary mail messages or downloading pornographic material);

3. Illegally copying programs or data that are the property of the university or other users or putting unauthorized or forbidden software, data files, or other such computer-related material on university computers;

4. Interfering with the normal operation of computing systems or attempting to subvert the restrictions associated with such facilities;

5. Using computing resources for purposes not in accordance with educational and/or research activity;

6. Failing to follow specific rules set out by the faculty member or Department in charge of the course for classes, tests, or exams held in a computer lab;

7. Using the Internet and other computing resources for purposes deemed to be recreational and to the detriment of curriculum-related uses.

4.0 Breach of Policy

In the event that the University believes a student, employee or guest has violated any part of this policy; the University may suspend or terminate the student's, employee's or guest's computer and/or network access. In addition, violation of this policy may subject students or employees to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from the University or termination from employment.