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NETWORK DEVICES

Purpose

To protect its infrastructure investment and to ensure the efficient operation of the College's information technology resources, the College must maintain a safe and secure computing environment. To that end, Computer Services maintains specific controls on its networks and networking equipment.

1   College Devices

Only equipment authorized by Computer Services may be placed on the College network. Users must not disconnect or otherwise manipulate this equipment unless specifically authorized by Computer Services.

- Authorized equipment may include, but is not limited to, College-owned computers, servers, routers, and switches.

- Unauthorized network devices are strictly prohibited. These devices may include, but are not limited to, wireless access points, routers, and servers.

- Without specific authorization from Computer Services, users must not remove, disconnect or power down any College owned or administered equipment.

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2   Personal Devices

In some circumstances, users can connect their own computers to the College network. The following restrictions apply:

- The user of a personally owned computer must ensure that the computer or other equipment is free from security vulnerabilities and viruses. In particular, these computers must have operating systems that are supported by their manufacturers (e.g., Microsoft Windows XP and Apple Macintosh OS/X).Personally owned computers must have antivirus software packages installed; these packages must be updated with the latest antivirus data files. Users must download and install the latest operating system and application software security patches.

- Computer Services reserves the right to specify other procedures that must be followed when connecting personally owned computer equipment to the College network.

- The College reserves the right to remove personally owned computer equipment from the College network if the equipment is interfering with the operation of College computing resources.

3   Wireless Technology

The College provides a wireless network for the benefit of its users. Only faculty, staff, and students of Confederation College are authorized to use the wireless network. In addition, the wireless network is subject to the following regulations:

- The wireless network supports the 802.11a/b/g wireless standards. This wireless technology uses the 2.4 GHz and 5 Ghz frequency band. Devices that operate in either of these frequency bands, including some portable telephones, are prohibited if they are found to interfere with the operation of wireless network.

- Only authorized wireless access points are allowed on the College network.