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STUDENT MATTERS – GENERAL & UNDERGRADUATE

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~~USING ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS~~EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS WITH STUDENTS

I. INTRODUCTION

~~Electronic communication is the primary communication method among students, faculty, staff, and administration at the University of California, San Diego (UC San Diego). Electronic mail and other emerging forms of electronic communications offer access twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, from anywhere the student has an Internet connection, and provide convenience for the student in reading, responding and reacting to UC San Diego communications. Electronic communications have the potential to be a highly cost-effective and timely medium for University officials to communicate messages to students. In order for the University to fully realize the cost savings and other benefits of electronic communications, it is essential that students attend to messages sent to their official UC San Diego electronic mail address or provided by other electronic communication tools.~~

II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

~~The purpose of this policy is to define student responsibility with respect to receiving and reading official UC San Diego electronic communications sent to the student's official UC San Diego electronic mail address or provided by other electronic communication tools. Students have access via TritonLink to request and maintain their university-assigned email address. Faculty and staff have access via Blink to the student's university-assigned email address for purposes of official communication. This *Policy* issuance applies to all UC San Diego undergraduate, graduate, professional school, and Extension Sstudents—undergraduate, graduate, professional and Extension. UC San Diego Extension students have access to maintain their personal email addresses through Extension's student portal.~~

~~This *Policy* establishes electronic communication as the recognized and official means for University Officials to communicate with UC San Diego Students.~~

III. POLICY

~~This policy establishes ~~electronic~~Email communication as ~~is an~~ recognized and official means by which University officials may ~~at their discretion~~ communicate with ~~s~~Students. ~~Students are responsible for checking their UC San Diego-issued email account on a frequent and consistent basis in order to stay current with University-related communications.~~ Electronic messaging communication will be delivered through an official University channel, such as ACS-Webmailcampus email, or other such channels that may be developed for this purpose. Mandatory messages may also be provided by other electronic communication tools. ~~(See Exhibit A—Official Messages to Students: Mandatory vs. Optional)~~~~

~~The following University of California and UC San Diego policies apply to all student use of University electronic communications and electronic communications resources: Please also see the following:~~

University of California San Diego Policy – PPM 160 - 3

PPM 160 - 3 Using Electronic Communications for Official Communications with Students

- [University of California Electronic Communications Policy](#)
- [UC San Diego Electronic Communications Procedures and Practices](#)
- [Academic Computing and Media Services Acceptable Use Policy](#)

IV. DEFINITIONS

~~**A. University-Assigned Email Alias**—An electronic email alias (username@ucsd.edu; includes departmental connected addresses such as @eng.ucsd.edu) issued to the student Student by Academic Computing & Media Information Technology Services (ACMSITS). This alias appears in the Registrar's records and is displayed on TritonLink as the student's "Campus Email Address." The @ucsd.edu alias has an associated delivery destination address that may either be provided by ACMSITS, or forwarded to another email account designated by the student.~~

~~**B. Electronic Email Delivery Destination Address**—Messages addressed to a universityUniversity assigned Assigned email Email alias Alias are delivered to an electronic email account specified in campus electronic email system records.~~

~~**C.A. UC San Diego Official or University Official**—Any means any individual designatedperson employed by UC San Diego or the University who performs to perform administrative, faculty, or professional responsibilitiesn assigned function on behalf of UC San Diego or the University of California or UC San Diego, respectively. A University Official may be:~~

~~A campus or university official may be:~~

- ~~1. A person employed by UC San Diego or the University in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research, or support staff position;~~
- ~~2. A person serving on a UC San Diego or University-wide governing body;~~
- ~~2. A person employed by, under contract with, or having entered into an agreement with UC San Diego or the University to perform a special task, such as an attorney, an auditor, or a volunteer;~~
- ~~2. A student Student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another UC San Diego or uUniversity official in performing his or her tasks.~~

~~**C. Official Communication**—Includes, but is not limited to: Mandatory and optional messages sent from a UC San Diego source including an @ucsd.edu address, via a UC San Diego tool such as the campus Learning Management System (LMS) or by a third party tool. (See Exhibit A—Official Messages to Students: Mandatory vs. Optional)~~

~~**C. Mandatory Message**—An official message involving a recipient's academic or financial status, or a message concerning safety or that fulfills a federal, state or university regulation, policy or procedure. (See channels available in Exhibit A—Official Messages to Students: Mandatory vs. Optional)~~

~~**C. Optional Message**—A message that does not fit the definition of mandatory, typically pertaining to an event or opportunity. May or may not be an official communication depending on origin of message. (See channels available in Exhibit A: Official Messages to Students: Mandatory vs. Optional)~~

V. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

~~Questions concerning the application and/or interpretation of this Policy may be directed to the Director – Student Affairs Policy, Standards, and Conduct.~~

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PPM 160 - 3 Using Electronic Communications for Official Communications with Students

It is the responsibility of the Director – Student Affairs Policy, Standards, and Conduct to facilitate campus-wide notification to students, faculty, and staff about the most current version of this Policy available in the campus Policy and Procedure Manual (PPM).

Pursuant to this policy, all UC San Diego students are responsible for have the following responsibilities under this Policy:

1. Determining their official UC San Diego University Assigned electronic Email aAlias. (See VI. Resources, For Students).
1. Maintaining a valid electronic Email dDelivery dDestination aAddress.
1. Resolving impediments to accessing secure messaging systems and their electronic Email dDelivery dDestination aAddress.
1. Attending to Accessing delivered and posted messages on a frequent and consistent basis.
1. Reading all mandatory UC San Diego communications.

VI. RESOURCES

For Students: The Academic Computing & Media Services website, provides a wide variety of support services and information to help students fulfill their responsibilities.

For Faculty and Staff: See the Blink website for additional resources and best practices.

XI.VII. REVISION HISTORY

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EXHIBIT A

