MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC OPERATING POLICY AND PROCEDURE

MEMORANDUM TO:	All Holders of Mississippi State University Academic Operating Policy and Procedure Manual
DATE:	July, 1996
SUBJECT:	OP 01.11 – Policy on Access to Information Technology Resources at Mississippi State University

Purpose

Mississippi State University (MSU) provides Information Technology (IT) resources to its constituents as broadly as possible in keeping with the mission of the institution. The purpose of this policy is to define those groups which may be provided access to these resources.

Policy

Access to IT resources at MSU is limited to individuals and organizations whose use is consistent with the mission and purpose of the university in learning, service, and research. The following guidelines and procedures shall apply:

Guidelines

1. Direct Connections to the MSU Campus Network may be provided for:
    a. MSU departments
    b. Organizations closely affiliated or having a business relationship with MSU and housed in university-owned facilities or on university property
    c. Federal or state government agencies on or adjacent to university property and affiliated with MSU
    d. Research and Education networks such as Internet2, NewNet, and NLR
    e. Commercial Internet Service Providers, but only as peering connections for the benefit of MSU
2. Accounts on MSU Servers may be provided for:
    a. MSU faculty, staff, students, and retirees
    b. Individuals associated with MSU through the University's service mission
    c. Individuals closely affiliated or having a business relationship with MSU and with a recognized need to interact with MSU on university systems

3. Guest access to the MSU network may be provided to visitors, but only for defined and strictly limited periods of time.

Procedure

1. Any individual or organization having access to the Internet through MSU, to the MSU campus network, or to MSU servers is bound to abide by all MSU policies and applicable state and federal legislation governing use of the Internet and MSU IT resources.
2. Any violation of applicable laws or policies may result in termination of service.

Review

This OP will be reviewed every four years or sooner if needed by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Authorization

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