Policy Name: Email for University Communication

Policy Number: 15.1

Is this policy new, being reviewed/revised, or deleted? Review/Revise

Date of last revision, if applicable: April 12, 2016

Unit(s) Responsible for Policy Implementation: Vice President for University Affairs

Purpose of Policy (what does it do): Establishes SFA email addresses as the official email communication for faculty, staff, and students.

Reason for the addition, revision, or deletion (check all that apply):

- [x] Scheduled Review
- [ ] Change in law
- [ ] Response to audit finding
- [ ] Internal Review
- [ ] Other, please explain:

Please complete the appropriate section:

Specific rationale for new policy:

Specific rationale for each substantive revision: Minor edits made for clarity.

Specific rationale for deletion of policy:

Additional Comments:

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Email for University Communication

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Email is an official means of communication among university faculty, students, and staff members. Although email accounts are assigned to all prospective students at the time they apply for admission, they are not bound by this policy until they have been admitted to the university.

The following conditions apply to university email accounts:

1. Each person applying for admission to Stephen F. Austin State University (SFA) as a student will be assigned an SFA email account. Each faculty or staff member hired by the university will be assigned an SFA email account at the time the employment information is entered into the Human Resources system.
2. The assigned email account will be considered an official method of communication from university faculty and administrators to faculty, enrolled students, and staff members, either collectively or individually. All personnel and students are responsible for university email message content, even if they do not use the university system as their primary account.
3. Applicants’ email accounts will be removed if they do not enroll at SFA. Enrolled students can keep their email accounts as long as they are an active student as long as they wish.
4. Faculty and staff email accounts will be deleted upon separation or termination of employment. Some exceptions may be granted by the chief information officer for cause after 5 p.m. on the last day of employment.

Cross Reference: Acceptable Use of Electronic Information Resources (16.3214.2)

Responsible for Implementation: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs/President

Contact for Revision: Chief Information Officer

Forms: None

Board Committee Assignment: Academic and Student Affairs