Policy Name: Policy Regarding Student, Faculty and Staff Personal Websites

Responsible Department: Information Technology

Approving Body: Policy Committee

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Purpose:
N/A

Policy:
Creation of a personal web site on WNMU’s servers and publication of web pages through the campus network is a privilege that requires adherence to University computer usage policies. As a condition of publishing personal web pages via any WNMU computing or network resource, the WNMU administration may require the removal or modification of material that is in conflict with the standards and guidelines in WNMU policies. If you wish to publish material that does not meet WNMU standards, you should contract with a commercial Internet Service Provider.

Western New Mexico University is not responsible for any material that is published on, or may be reached via links from, personal web pages within the WNMU.EDU domain, nor is WNMU responsible for any use that is made of personal web page material, or material reached via links on personal web pages. Individual Students, Faculty and Staff are responsible for maintaining their personal web pages, and are responsible for content, errors, or omissions in them.

Each personal web site must provide a suitably labeled link from the home page to the official WNMU disclaimer guidelines and procedures pertaining to personal web sites. www.wnmu.edu/itdept/disclaimer.shtml

Personal web sites may not be anonymous. The full name of the owner of the web site must appear legibly on the web site home page.

The appropriateness of material made available via a personal web site will be judged by the application of standards representing the WNMU community. The administration of WNMU is the final authority on inappropriate material. Inappropriate material includes but is not limited
to:

1. Any material intended for business use or to generate personal financial gain
2. Commercial advertising of any kind, including banner ads in exchange for free services such as web counters
3. Any information that violates WNMU policies, software licensing agreements, contractual agreements, copyright, or any local, state or federal law
4. Information that could be used to compromise the security or availability of WNMU resources
5. Material that provides information about how to commit any criminal or illegal act
6. Information that compromises the personal privacy of other people
7. Material that may be deemed offensive as judged by local standards or the WNMU administration
8. Any misleading labeling of material or links
9. Portrayal of any material as officially representing or sanctioned by WNMU without proper authorization

WNMU IT resources are limited. Personal web sites will be provided with a maximum of 20Mb. Since web sites that receive a very high number of accesses from off campus can result in significant network congestion and expense, WNMU IT may limit access to such web sites. Intentional, repeated or egregious violations of these policies will result in the loss of your web site. If appropriate, sanctions or disciplinary action may be imposed as provided for in the various WNMU policies including the WNMU Appropriate Use of Technology Policy.

This policy applies to all Students, Faculty and Staff of WNMU and its affiliated extensions that choose to publish a personal web site using WNMU IT resources.

**Procedures:**

None