

# North Georgia College & State University

## Information Security Management Plan

### information security

Prevention | Awareness | Response | Recovery

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## Section 1: Overview

### 1.1 Executive Summary

The University System of Georgia Board of Regents requires that all University System of Georgia institutions develop, maintain, and implement an information security plan concerning the protection of their information assets. These plans are submitted to the USG Office of Information Security for periodic assessment and review.

This plan is intended to fulfill USG-BOR requirements by documenting the strategies, objectives, methods and controls which NGCSU's security program currently employs to protect information assets as well as indicating areas where improvements or attention may need to be focused.

The term "Information Security" refers to a collection of concepts, techniques, technical measures, and administrative measures used to protect information assets from deliberate or inadvertent unauthorized acquisition, damage, disclosure, manipulation, modification, or loss.

Information Security activities and goals are important for these reasons:

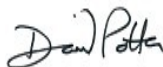
- Information systems, data, networks, and processes are strategic business assets that play an important role in facilitating the accomplishment of institutional mission goals and strategic objectives. These assets are faced with numerous threats including computer hacking, malicious code, computer-assisted fraud, denial of service attacks, espionage, sabotage, vandalism, fire, or flood.
- NGCSU is subject to several USG, state, federal, and contractual obligations which require specific observation of security safeguards to protect information assets.
- NGCSU recognizes an ethical commitment to be good stewards of any sensitive or confidential information entrusted to us by our students, employees, alumni, or partners.

Information security is not an objective within itself but a supportive endeavor meant to aid in the facilitation of the campus mission. It is critical that any academic computing environment strike an appropriate balance between those requirements necessary to meet information security obligations/objectives and the sustainment of the overall flexibility necessary to foster innovation, encourage experimentation, and promote academic freedom.

Thus, the overall aim of NGCSU's security program and management plan is to provide balanced, reasonable, and cost-effective safeguards for institutional information assets. The assets include both sensitive/confidential information, as well as the systems, services, infrastructure, and knowledge needed to deliver or convey them.

### 1.2 Presidential Statement

*"Information resources such as data, computers, and network services have become indispensable assets that higher education institutions rely upon to facilitate the fulfillment of their missions. Predictably as the utilization and ubiquity of these technologies have grown so too have the varied threats which often imperil them. Due to the unquestionable value of these assets as well as the legal, contractual, and ethical obligations that surround them, North Georgia College & State University acknowledges a strong commitment toward making appropriate and reasonable efforts to protect our information resources from relevant threats."*



-President of North Georgia College & State University