

Technology-related HEOA Compliance at the University of Puget Sound

The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA) sets forth many requirements for colleges and universities. This statement pertains to the triad of requirements designed to address illegal peer-to-peer file sharing of copyrighted works by those using campus networks. Institutions are required to 1) inform students annually they may be subject to criminal and civil penalties if they engage in illegal distribution of copyrighted materials and describe the steps being taken to detect and punish such activity, 2) certify to the Secretary of Education that the institution has plans to effectively combat unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material, and 3) offer alternatives to illegal file sharing.

The University of Puget Sound complies with these requirements as follows. Technology Services publishes warnings online, in print, and in presentations that students who violate copyright laws may be subject to disciplinary action by the university as well as prosecution under state and federal guidelines. Our residential network team (ResNet) annually discloses this information to students through distribution of a brochure that defines copyright law, details university rules for file sharing, and lists legal alternatives for acquiring copyrighted materials. The ResNet Rules of Use Policy in the student handbook, *The Logger*, clearly addresses file sharing and copyright use. Finally, Technology Services monitors network activity and utilizes network traffic shaping to certify to the Secretary of Education that we effectively combat illegal file sharing at the University of Puget Sound.

Campus Resources and Communications:

The Rights and Responsibilities for Sharing Music at Puget Sound: What you need to know about copyright law and the rules of the university network
(http://resnet.ups.edu/pdf_Sharing_Music.pdf).

The ResNet Rules of Use Policy (<http://www.ups.edu/x4829.xml>) in the student handbook, *The Logger* 2007-08

The ResNet Connection Guide (http://resnet.ups.edu/pdf_ResNet_Guide_2007-2008.pdf)

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