

## **PEER-TO-PEER FILE SHARING POLICY**

Johnston Community College maintains a campus network to support and enhance the academic and administrative needs of our students, faculty, staff and other campus users. The College is required by Federal Law – H.R. 4137, Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) – to make an annual disclosure informing students that illegal distribution of copyrighted materials may lead to civil and/or criminal penalties. Also, the HEOA requires institutions to take steps to combat and disclose its policies and sanctions for copyright infringement. The College must certify to the Secretary of Education that a policy is in place. Finally, the HEOA requires the College to provide alternatives to illegal file sharing. All users are encouraged to check the list of “Alternatives to Illegal Downloading”, <http://www.educause.edu/node/645/tid/33381?time=1263330285>.

Although the HEOA makes reference only to students using Peer-to-Peer (P2P), this policy applies to all Johnston Community College network users. The College reserves the right to suspend or terminate network access to any campus user. Likewise, network access may be suspended if any use is impacting the operations of the network. Violations may be reported to appropriate authorities for criminal or civil prosecution.

### **Annual Disclosure**

Johnston Community College computers and wireless access will require users to click okay to agreeing with our acceptable use policy which references copyright violations. Each semester a reminder of these policies will be sent to student, faculty, and staff e-mail accounts. This information is also referenced in the Johnston Community College Student Handbook and Johnston Community College Catalog.

### **Plans to “Effectively Combat” the Unauthorized Distribution of Copyrighted Material**

Johnston Community College currently employs bandwidth-shaping technology to prioritize network traffic. The College limits the amount of bandwidth available to P2P applications but does not filter such applications since much of the traffic is legal.

### **Offering Alternatives to Illegal File Sharing**

Both the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) and the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) have Web sites that list legal alternatives to illegal P2P. Some of the more popular alternatives include:

#### **Music**

iTunes  
SpiralFrog  
Pandora  
amazonMP3

#### **Movies and Television**

iTunes  
Hulu  
Netflix Watch Instantly  
Major Television Network Web Sites

For more information on legal alternatives, please visit:

RIAA: [http://www.riaa.org/toolsforparents.php?content\\_selector=legal\\_music\\_sites](http://www.riaa.org/toolsforparents.php?content_selector=legal_music_sites)

MPAA: [http://www.mpaa.org/piracy\\_LegalOpt.asp](http://www.mpaa.org/piracy_LegalOpt.asp)

## **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY POLICY**

Johnston Community College seeks to provide an environment that supports the teaching, learning, scholarship, and creativity of its students, faculty, and staff. Within this context, the College has adopted a policy that addresses the ownership of materials, compensation and copyright issues, and the use of revenue from the creation and production of all intellectual property that applies to students, faculty, and staff. The Intellectual Property Policy was approved by the Johnston Community College Board of Trustees and is published in the *Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual* (PM 2.14). The policy is also available to faculty, staff, and students on the College’s Web site at [www.johnstoncc.edu](http://www.johnstoncc.edu) and in hard copy in Student Services or Human Resources.