

FACEBOOK/MYSPACE RESOLUTION

We, the Nicholls State University Student Government Association Student Senate does hereby request that a copy of the Facebook/Myspace Usage Awareness Guide be printed and posted for public view in all computer labs on the campus of Nicholls State University.

Whereas: Facebook is a global networking site that allows college students and organizations to communicate via the Internet; and

Whereas: Myspace is a global networking site that allows college students to communicate outside the college network with individuals, such as family and friends; and

Whereas: We acknowledge the importance of communication between family and friends; and we understand that traditional ways of communicating, such as long distance telephone calls and postal mailings can become an extreme financial burden; and

Whereas: We recognize the value of Internet safety usage

Be it resolved: That the Facebook/Myspace Usage Awareness Guide, which will detail the procedures for networking via the Internet, is accessible to all Nicholls State University students.

Be it further resolved: That the Nicholls State University Student Government Association Student Senate does hereby request a copy of the Facebook/Myspace Usage Awareness Guide be printed and posted for public view in all computer labs on the campus of Nicholls State University.

Be it even further resolved: That a copy of this resolution be sent to Ms. Sherry A. Rodrique, Chair of Instructional Technology Advisory Committee; Tom Bonvillain, Director of Academic Computing Instructional Technology Support; Dr. Carroll Falcon, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Eugene A. Dial, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services; Dr. Stephen T. Hulbert, University President; and all Nicholls State University students through a mass e-mail.

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Facebook/Myspace Usage Awareness Guide

I. Internet Profiles:

1. Students should be aware that employers could access their personal profiles and web postings via the Internet. This is a common practice among many Human Resource Departments.
2. The items found on a student's Internet Profile may hinder their chances of getting hired.
3. Some companies are connected to networking sites through the use of commercial Internet Service Providers.
4. Because many companies have part ownership in networking sites through sponsorship, they could view items on a student's profile that other individuals cannot.

Note:

- **Students have the freedom to post whatever they desire; however, they should know their consequences.**
- **Students must realize that they are responsible for what has been written, in any effect, the students' outrageous posting might seem hilarious at that moment; but in the end, it could count against them.**
- **Students should be aware that Myspace has recently encountered security problems with Spyware being installed onto Windows operating system. This could allow malicious codes to possibly search a student's computer for personal information, such as passwords, social security numbers, or bank accounts.**
- **If the student does not protect his or her User ID and password, someone could use their screen name to post malicious things on others' profiles for which the student will be the blame.**
- **Profiles can easily be spoofed (a way to deceive computer hardware and software via networking). Students should be aware that someone could create a profile pretending to be he or she and put damaging information and/or pictures never intended to be shared.**

II. The Law:

1. Students must be mindful of what they post about others.
2. Students may be charged with damages under libel or defamation of character if they post false and cruel statements about someone.
3. Students may be liable for invasion of privacy if they post photographs of someone without his or her consent.

Note:

- **Students should be aware of how they represent themselves and others via the Internet.**

III. Caching:

(the process of retrieving information that has been stored away in hidden memory via the Internet)

1. Students should be aware that information that has been cached is not limited to what they post, but also information that has been posted about them, such as comment postings, quotes that have been publicly published, etc.
2. Students should be aware that although they post, and remove jokes for as short as a day or two, these postings might remain accessible for years.
3. Networking sites have the authority to decide what items will or will not be removed that have been cached.

Note:

- **Students should be aware that there are difficult procedures to remove cached items from the Internet, such as going through at least three to five search engine sites to remove one single cached item.**

If you believe that your life is at harm as a result from the Internet, please contact the local police.