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Copyright Compliance Policy

Office of Information Technology Services

It is the policy of Boston College to ensure that all digital content, including art, music, written distribution of any material created by anyone other than yourself may constitute copyright infringement which is a violation of federal law and University policy. These prohibited activities include the unauthorized distribution of copyrighted materials without the copyright holder permission, whether through peer-to-peer programs (uploading or downloading) or other

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with copyright laws and the provisions of licensing agreements that apply to software. In addition, all system users agree in the Boston College Technical and Information Resources Use Agreement to comply with copyright law.

The University imposes significant penalties for infringement activities including university probation and loss of network access. In addition, under the Copyright Act, anyone infringing a copyrighted work is liable for civil damages and, if willful infringement is proven, criminal penalties.

For significant offenses, these penalties include up to a five-year federal prison term and a fine of \$250,000. Prohibited activities include using the Boston College network or software without copyright holder permission.

In recent years, associations

the Medical Device Association of America, and the Association of American Universities have issued similar policies. Boston College has joined these associations to ensure that all members of the community are held to the same standards regarding copyright law and peer-to-peer file sharing. Boston College's