INFORMATION SECURITY

Arguably the single most important responsibility of Information Services is to maintain a secure environment for the college's systems and data. In addition to focusing on this goal as a daily operational priority, IS contracts with an external information security firm to review our physical and virtual systems, policies and procedures, and general environment. IGX Global finished its external review last spring and summarized the College's information security status in June 2013 as follows: "Overall, Connecticut College has established a sound information security posture that is aligned with ISO requirements. Its policies and procedures are thoroughly documented and implementation of controls is consistent and robust. Connecticut College not only addresses vulnerabilities and issues in a timely manner, but also in a manner adhering to a standard of best practice fit for an organization of their type and size." The College's financial auditors also review the information security environment and likewise have given the department high marks, with no recommendations.

As stated in the College's Appropriate Use Policy, every member of the faculty, staff and student body is charged with taking personal responsibility for maintaining the security of the College's computer systems and institutional records, as well as his or her own personal information. Information Services provides resources to protect College-owned and personal computing devices. All faculty and staff are required to attend an information security training session as a part of new employee orientation.

THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT
INFORMATION SECURITY:

- Information Services provides antivirus software, network access control systems, firewalls, intrusion prevention systems and a malware detection system to protect College systems and data. Connecticut College was among the first of its peers to name an Information Security Officer.
- Information Services maintains processes to protect data. Controls include Banner security, College policies and information security awareness training.
- Information Services maintains two data centers, two Internet connections and robust data backup systems to reduce risk and provide business continuity.

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