I. Purpose

Access to University IT resources from off-campus locations has increased due to the proliferation of teaching, research, and administrative applications and the increased mobility of faculty and staff. Opening unsecured and uncontrolled paths to University IT resources presents significant risks to the University community and IT infrastructure. Appropriate controls and protections are required in order to mitigate these risks, preserve and protect University IT assets.

This policy establish firewall management policies and applies to all firewalls owned, rented, leased, or otherwise controlled by Georgia Southern University employees.

II. Policy Statement

1. Management of any firewall is the responsibility of persons designated by the CIO to perform such work (Firewall Managers). As such the Director of Telecom & Networking and/or their designees are so authorized.

2. Firewall Managers are the sole authorized persons who apply methods, procedures and systems for management of firewalls.

3. Only approved firewall appliances are permitted on the Georgia Southern Network.

   The CIO will establish operational procedures for management firewalls.

   The CIO is responsible for enforcement of this policy. Violations of this policy can lead to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal, and/or legal action. Any known violation of this policy is to be reported to the CIO or his/her designee.

Related Documents

   a. Firewall Operational Standards and Procedures
   b. Acceptable Use Policy