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## **Records Retention and Disposition Schedule**

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**UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

**SCHEDULE INFORMATION:**

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***Q. What is a “records retention and disposition schedule?”***

- A.** A records schedule is a tool for the employees of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to use when managing the records of the university. It lists records found in an office and gives an assessment of their value by indicating when (and if) those records should be destroyed. The schedule is also an agreement between the office, the University Archives and Records Management Services (UARS) and the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources (DCR).

This schedule serves as the inventory and schedule that the Department of Cultural Resources is directed by North Carolina General Statutes §121-5 (c) and §132-8 to provide. It supersedes all previous editions, including all amendments.

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***Q. Why do I need a schedule?***

- A.** According to G.S. §121-5 and G.S. §132-3, you may destroy public records only with the consent of DCR. DCR has an agreement with UARS to provide records management services to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This schedule is the primary way DCR gives consent through UARS for the destruction of university records. Without an approved schedule, your office cannot destroy *any* record, no matter how insignificant.
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***Q. I do not have records.***

- A.** Nearly every university office generates, receives, or uses records. Computer files of any kind, including drafts and email, are public records. Even if your records are not the official or final versions, your records are public records. Not all records have great historical, legal, or fiscal value, but they all must be managed according to a records retention and disposition schedule.
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***Q. What is a “legal hold” or “litigation hold” on records and when does it apply?***

- A.** Records that are subject to a legal hold or litigation hold must not be destroyed until officially released from the hold. A hold is placed when either an official discovery order is served on the university requesting the production of certain records (for a litigation, regulatory investigation, audit, open records request, etc.), or when litigation is pending and the university is on notice to preserve all potentially relevant records. You must ensure that for a claim or litigation that is reasonably foreseeable but has not yet been initiated, any relevant records (in paper or electronic formats) are preserved and not destroyed until released by the University Counsel. The records in question must not be destroyed until the completion of the action and the resolution of all issues that arise from it regardless of the retention period set forth in the schedule. If you have any questions contact the University Counsel.
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***Q. What does “REFERENCE” mean?***

- A.** A reference copy is usually a record that your office has for its own use and is not the original or official copy for the entire university. As an example, many academic departments maintain copies of student records (transcripts, applications, etc.); however, the official record keeper for these records is the University Registrar. Since the academic department needs these records for their own use – or reference use – they are listed in the schedule as “REFERENCE.” Reference copies have different retention periods based upon their designation as a reference copy.

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**Q. What if I have two records series with the same name in my schedule – an official and a “REFERENCE”?**

- A. It is possible for an office to have official or record copies and reference copies of the same records series. A records series is a group of related records (in any format) held by an organization. An example would be *Committee and Council Records*. The official records of a committee are maintained by the chair of the committee. If your office has someone who is the chair of a committee, their records are the official/record copy and would follow that series in your schedule. However, if that person is a member of a committee (not the chair) those records would be reference copies and should follow the reference series in your schedule.

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**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE. 132 PUBLIC RECORDS ACT**

**Q. What are “public records”?**

- A. The *General Statutes of North Carolina*, Chapter §132, provides this definition of public records:

"Public record" or "public records" shall mean all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, photographs, films, sound recordings, magnetic or other tapes, electronic data- processing records, artifacts, or other documentary material, regardless of physical form or characteristics, **made or received pursuant to law or ordinance in connection with the transaction of public business by any agency of North Carolina government or its subdivisions.** Agency of North Carolina government or its subdivisions shall mean and include every public office, public officer or official (state or local, elected or appointed), institution, board, commission, bureau, council, department, authority or other unit of government of the State or of any county, unit, special district or other political subdivision of government.

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**Q. Can anyone see my records?**

- A. Yes, except as restricted by specific provisions in state or federal law, anyone may consult public records. G.S. §132-6 instructs:

Every custodian of public records shall permit any record in the custodian's custody to be inspected and examined at reasonable times and under reasonable supervision by any person, and shall, as promptly as possible, furnish copies thereof upon payment of any fees as may be prescribed by law. ... No person requesting to inspect and examine public records, or to obtain copies thereof, shall be required to disclose the purpose or motive for the request.

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**Q. What about my confidential records?**

- A. Not all university records are open to public inspection. Exceptions to the access requirements in G.S. §132-6 and the definition of public records in G.S. §132-1 are found throughout the North Carolina General Statutes. We have added RESTRICTED ACCESS notations and confidentiality statements indicating the laws which restrict review of specific records series. Please note that as laws are constantly changing, some records series not listed as confidential may become confidential and others may be opened to inspection. You are responsible for knowing what records are confidential. Feel free to contact the University Records Manager (962-6402 or [recman@unc.edu](mailto:recman@unc.edu)) or University Counsel with questions about confidential records.

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**Q. What are the most common laws cited at UNC-CH for confidential records?**

- A. There are three laws which cover confidentiality of many records series held at UNC-CH.
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA – 20 U.S.C. 1232g) protects access to student records.
  - Health Information Portability Protection Act of 1996 (HIPAA) protects access to individual medical records.
  - NC General Statute 121 (Personnel Act) protects access to certain personnel records. It is important to note that current salary, and date and amount of last salary increase is not confidential under G.S. 121.

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**Q. Do I have to make drafts awaiting approval available to the public?**

**A.** Yes. Any record that is not confidential by law must be provided when a request is received, whether it is “finished” or not.

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**Q. Can I store our unused records in such places as the basement, attic, outdoor shed, or other off-site location?**

**A.** Public records are public property. While we encourage offices to find places to store records that do not take up too much valuable office space, the selected space should be dry, secured, and free from pests and mold. Your office must ensure that records stored away from your main office area are well protected from natural and man-made problems while remaining readily available to your staff and the public.

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**Q. Our old records are stored in the basement, the attic or an off-site building. Do we have to honor requests to see them?**

**A.** Yes, as long as the records are not confidential by law. You should also be aware that confidentiality can expire.

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#### **ELECTRONIC RECORDS & SCANNING:**

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**Q. Are the documents and other records on my computer also “public records?”**

**A.** Yes, G.S. 132-1 points out that any record generated in the conduct of the university’s business is a public record, “regardless of physical form or characteristics.”

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**Q. Computer storage is cheap. I’ll just keep my computer records.**

**A.** The best practice is to destroy all records that have met their retention requirements at the same time, regardless of format. Records in paper and electronic formats that have met their retention period but continue to be kept are still subject to public inspection and litigation/legal holds.

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**Q. We have an imaging system. Do we have to keep the paper?**

**A.** No, however:

**1. Permanent records** must have a preservation copy as defined by G.S. §132-8.2:

Preservation duplicates shall be durable, accurate, complete and clear, and such duplicates made by a photographic, photo static, microfilm, micro card, miniature photographic, or other process which accurately reproduces and forms a durable medium for so reproducing the original shall have the same force and effect for all purposes as the original record whether the original record is in existence or not. ...  
Such preservation duplicates shall be preserved in the place and manner of safekeeping prescribed by the Department of Cultural Resources.

**The preservation duplicate of permanent records must be either on paper or microfilm.**

**2. Non-permanent records** may be retained in any format. You will have to take precautions with records that you must keep more than 10 years. Computer systems do not have long life cycles. Each time you change computer systems, you will have to convert all records to the new system so that you can assure their preservation and provide access.

You may want to attend out workshop on Digital Imaging Systems to learn about the best practices for scanning and retaining scanned documents. It is also important to remember that scanned records also need to be deleted once they have met their retention period.

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**Q. Why do you still recommend microfilm?**

- A. Microfilm is a legally acceptable replacement for original records, as outlined in G.S. §8-45 and §153A-436. The Department of Cultural Resources has a publication, *Micrographics: Technical and Legal Procedures*, linked from our website. It explains the four groups of national standards for the production of archival quality microfilm:
- manufacture of raw film
  - filming methods
  - processing (developing) film
  - storage methods

Microfilm has a proven long lifespan (100+ years) and can be read with nothing more sophisticated than a magnifying glass and light source. There is no software to keep current. Usually, deterioration in the film itself can be detected by visual inspection.

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**EMAIL:**

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**Q. When can I delete my email?**

- A. Electronic mail is just as much a record as any traditional paper record and must be treated in the same way. It is the content of each message that is important. If a particular message would have been filed as a paper memo, it should still be filed (either in your email program or in your regular directory structure), and it should be retained the same length of time as its paper counterpart. It is inappropriate to destroy email simply because storage limits have been reached. Review your schedule for the types of records in your email and follow the disposition instructions. Electronic records are not currently being accepted for transfer to the University Archives, so any email that should be transferred should be printed and transferred in paper format.

Three publications will be particularly helpful and can be found on our website:

- *E-Mail as a Public Record in North Carolina: Guidelines for its Retention and Disposition*
- *E-Mail User Guidelines Checklist*
- *North Carolina Public Records with Short-Term Value: Guidelines for their Retention and Disposition*

You may want to attend our workshop, "Email Management at UNC-CH," for more information about how to properly manage your email.

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**Q. Do I have to print my email to file it?**

- A. If the email is not part of a records series that will be transferred to the University Archives, you may elect to keep it in electronic format. Any email that should be transferred to the University Archives should be printed with header information and transferred in paper format.

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**Q. I use my personal email account for work. No one can see my personal email.**

- A. The best practice is to avoid using personal resources, including private email accounts, for public business. G.S. §132-1 states that records "made or received pursuant to law or ordinance *in connection with the transaction of public business* by any agency of North Carolina government or its subdivisions" are public records (emphasis added). The fact that public records reside in a personal email account is irrelevant. Likewise, you should limit the use of a public (UNC System) email account for personal email.

## **DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS:**

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**Q. *When can I destroy records?***

- A. Each records series listed on your schedule has specific disposition instructions that indicate how long that series must be kept in your office.
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**Q. *What does “when administrative value ends” mean?***

- A. In your schedule a disposition which states “when administrative value ends” means that you can dispose of these records when your office has no administrative need or the records are no longer required to perform the duties of your office.
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**Q. *What does “when reference value ends” mean?***

- A. In your schedule a disposition which states “when reference value ends” means you can dispose of these records when your office has no further need of them for administrative or reference purposes.
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**Q. *How do I destroy records?***

- A. After your office has an approved records retention and disposition schedule, records should be destroyed in one of the following ways:
- a) burned, unless prohibited by local ordinance;
  - b) shredded, or torn up so as to destroy the record content of the documents or material concerned;
  - c) placed in acid vats so as to reduce the paper to pulp and to terminate the existence of the documents or materials concerned;
  - d) buried under such conditions that the record nature of the documents or materials will be terminated;
  - e) sold as waste paper, provided that the purchaser agrees in writing that the documents or materials concerned will not be resold as documents or records.  
— N.C. Administrative Code, Title 7, Chapter 4, Subchapter M, Section .0510

Confidential records should be destroyed in a secure manner so that the information contained in them cannot be used. You should confirm with any destruction service that confidential records are being properly destroyed.

UNC-CH Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling has confidential recycling services that meet the guidelines listed above. More information can be obtained about their services at:  
<http://www.fac.unc.edu/WasteReduction/Recyclables/cpr.asp>.

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**Q. *How can I destroy records if they are not listed on my schedule?***

- A. Contact the University Records Manager (2-6402) or email: [recman@unc.edu](mailto:recman@unc.edu). We will discuss the nature of the records with you to determine if the records have historical value. If the records do not have historical value, we will work with you to revise your records schedule so that you can continue to destroy the records appropriately.

## **HISTORICAL RECORDS & TRANSFERS TO UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES:**

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**Q. *What do I do with permanent records and records with historic value?***

- A.** Permanent records should be retained by the university forever. Some records will remain in the office of creation and must have a preservation duplicate, which is either a paper or microfilm copy. In some cases, permanent records should be transferred to the University Archives. Your schedule will indicate when a records series should be transferred. If you cannot maintain a permanent record in your office, please contact University Archives and Records Management Services for an evaluation of the records series for transfer.
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**Q. *Aren't all of our old records at the University Archives?***

- A.** Probably not. The University Archives accepts transfers of records series as listed in your schedule. We then review, organize and sort the transferred records to determine whether they have historical value. Some records that are transferred to the University Archives are not retained and are securely destroyed once they have been reviewed by a trained archivist.
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**Q. *I have found some really old records. What should I do with them?***

- A.** Contact the University Records Manager (2-6402) or [recman@unc.edu](mailto:recman@unc.edu). We will help you examine the records and assess their historical value and possible transfer to the University Archives.
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**Q. *Can I give my old records to the historical society or public library?***

- A.** University records belong to the university and should not be taken home or given to a historic society or library without the permission of the University Archivist. Please contact the University Records Manager for assistance with transferring records to the University Archives. Records listed as permanent in your schedule must be kept either in your office or at the University Archives.
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**Q. *When and how do I transfer records to the University Archives?***

- A.** You may transfer records to University Archives once the records series has met the retention period listed in your schedule. Follow the instructions on the Records Transfer Form (located on our website, <http://www.lib.unc.edu/mss/uars/>). If you have questions contact the University Records Manager (2-6402) or [recman@unc.edu](mailto:recman@unc.edu).
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## **DISASTER RECOVERY:**

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**Q. *What should I do in case of fire or flood?***

- A.** Secure the area, and keep everyone out until fire or other safety professionals allow entry. Then, call the University Archives and Records Management Services 962-6402 for advice on how to handle damaged records.
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**Q. *What help do you give in case of an emergency?***

- A.** We can assist you in appraising the records that have been damaged so that precious resources (and especially time) are not spent on records with lesser value. We can provide lists of professional recovery vendors that you can contact to preserve your essential and permanent records.

## **RECORDS MANAGEMENT TRAINING:**

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### **Q. *What types of workshops or training do you offer?***

- We offer a series of records management workshops through Human Resources Training and Development. You can sign up for any of these workshops at their website (<https://s4.its.unc.edu/TrainDev/>). We also offer onsite workshops (min. 8 attendees) for individual offices and departments. Contact the University Records Manager for more information about a customized workshop for your specific needs.  
Our basic workshops are:
  - *EMAIL MANAGEMENT at UNC-CH*: Includes email as a public record, email deletion, appropriate content for email distribution, handling attachments, and avoiding email clutter.
  - *PILES OF FILES? ORGANIZING YOUR RECORDS*: Learn about strategies for developing a filing system that works for you. Includes information about inventories, analysis of your filing system, organization strategies, and organizing electronic files.
  - *HISTORICAL RECORDS AND UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES*: Learn more about what kinds of records are considered historical from the perspective of University Archives and what should be done to preserve these records. (Workshop only available through Training & Development)
  - *ELECTRONIC RECORDS MANAGEMENT at UNC-CH*: Learn about managing electronic records. Includes overview of the complexities surrounding lifespan of electronic records, how organize your electronic records and issues about long term storage of electronic records.
  - *RECORDS MANAGEMENT at UNC-CH (AN INTRODUCTION)*: Learn about the laws that affect records at UNC. Includes NC Public Records Law, impact of records management on managing paper and electronic records, and how University Archives and Records Service can assist you with your records needs.
  - *PLANNING & IMPLEMENTING A DIGITAL IMAGING PROJECT*: Learn about digital imaging systems. Includes benefits and key concepts of digital imaging; planning process elements; legal, risk management and records management concerns; indexing and labeling; budget issues; technology assessment and selections.
  - *HOW TO CREATE & USE YOUR RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE*: Learn about creating a records retention schedule with University Archives and Records Service. Includes developing a records retention schedule, determining appropriate retention periods, and how to use your approved schedule.

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### **Q. *Will you design a workshop especially for our office?***

- A. Yes. Contact the University Records Manager about a specialized workshop for your office. We require a minimum of 8 attendees for onsite workshops.

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### **Q. *Is there a fee for workshops?***

- A. No. University Archives and Records Management Services provides assistance to UNC-CH and UNC-GA offices free of charge.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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### **Q. *Where can I get more information?***

- A. You can contact the University Archives and Records Management Services at (919) 962-6402, email: [recman@unc.edu](mailto:recman@unc.edu) or via our website (<http://www.lib.unc.edu/mss/uars/>) to obtain more information on records management issues, transfers to University Archives and workshop schedules.

# RECORDS RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULE

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
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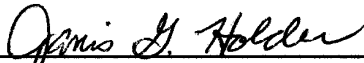
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do not and will not have further official use or value for administrative, research, or reference purposes after the respective retention periods specified herein. The North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources consents to the destruction or other disposition instructions specified in the schedule. However, records subject to audit or those legally required for ongoing official proceedings must be retained until released from such audits or official proceedings, notwithstanding the instructions of this schedule. **Public records, including machine readable records, not listed herein, are not authorized to be destroyed.**

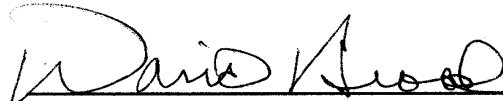
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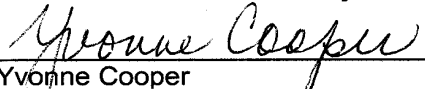
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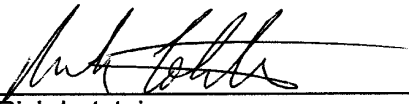
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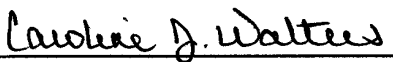
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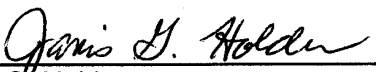
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Amendment  
9/23/2008

The following records series from this office's previously approved Records Retention and Disposition Schedule is amended as listed below and approved. In accordance with the provisions of Chapters 121 and 132 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, it is agreed that the records of the above agency do not and will not have further official use or value for administrative, research, or reference purposes after the respective retention periods specified herein. The North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources consents to the destruction or other disposition instructions specified in the schedule previously approved and amended below. However, records subject to audit or those legally required for ongoing official proceedings must be retained until released from such audits or official proceedings, notwithstanding the instructions of this schedule. The agency agrees to destroy, transfer or dispose of records in the manner and at the time specified herein.

**61. Travel Records.** DCR Approved 8/19/2008


Records concerning travel requests and reimbursements. Includes requests and authorizations, original and copies of receipts, correspondence, and other related records.


**Disposition Instructions:**

- a. Destroy in office original receipts after 5 years if no litigation, claim, audit, or other official action has been initiated. If official action has been initiated, destroy in office after completion of action and resolution of issues involved.
- b. Destroy in office all other records and reference copies of receipts after 2 closed fiscal years.

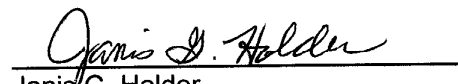
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**1. Academic Program Records.** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Records concerning school/department academic programs. Includes correspondence, program proposals and descriptions, and other related records.

**Disposition Instructions:**

- a. Destroy in office electronic records after records have been printed and filed into the office's filing system for transfer to the University Archives and when administrative value ends.
- b. Transfer paper records to the custody of the University Archives after 5 years.

**2. Accident Reports (Property/Equipment) (REFERENCE).** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Accident reports (including reference copies) involving departmental property and/or equipment.

**Office of Record:** Materials Support Department, Insurance and Risk Management.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office after 5 years if no litigation, claim, audit, or other official action has been initiated. If official action has been initiated, destroy in office after completion of action and resolution of issues involved.

**3. Accounting and Finance Records (Payable/Receivable) (REFERENCE).** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Reference copies concerning accounts payable, accounts receivable, inventories, and general accounting of the department/unit. Includes purchase requisitions, purchase orders, check requests, invoices, cost accounting standards exemption forms, account ledgers, receipts, financial reports, correspondence, and other related records.

**Office of Record:** Material Disbursement Services maintains remaining records for audit purposes. Office of Sponsored Research maintains cost accounting standards exemption forms for audit purposes.

**Note:** This series does not include payroll related records.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office after 2 closed fiscal years.

**4. Accreditation Records (REFERENCE).** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Reference copies concerning accreditation and/or certification processes of schools, departments, and/or programs. Includes correspondence, final reports, questionnaires, and other related records.

**Office of Record:** Chairs' Offices, Deans' Offices, The Graduate School.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office after accreditation process is complete.

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**5. Admission Applications [RESTRICTED ACCESS].** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Student applications for enrollment in a program. Includes applications, correspondence, recommendations, and other related records.

**Confidentiality:** Comply with 20 U.S.C. 1232g (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974) regarding the confidentiality of student records.

**Disposition Instructions:**

- a. Destroy denied applications 1 year after date application submitted (or deadline).
- b. Destroy applications of accepted students who did not enroll within 3 years of application term.
- c. Transfer accepted and enrolled applications to Student Academic Records (Item ###) upon enrollment.

**6. Affirmative Action Records (REFERENCE) [RESTRICTED ACCESS].** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Reference copies concerning participation in affirmative action/equal opportunity programs. Includes recruitment plans, equal opportunity statements, full-time and EPA non-faculty actions, faculty employment reviews, reports, procedures, and other related records.

**Confidentiality:** Comply with applicable provisions of General Statutes of North Carolina 126-22, 126-23, 126-24, and 126-29 regarding the confidentiality of personnel records.

**Office of Record:** Equal Opportunity/ADA Office.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office after 5 years.

**7. Alumni Lists.** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Lists (including reference copies) concerning university alumni from department and/or school. Includes names, addresses, phone numbers, and other related information.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office when superseded or obsolete.

**8. Annual Reports.** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Annual reports concerning departmental activities.

**See Also:** Reports.

**Disposition Instructions:**

- a. Destroy in office electronic records after records have been printed and filed into the office's filing system for transfer to the University Archives and when administrative value ends.
- b. Transfer paper records to the custody of the University Archives after 5 years.

**9. Audit Reports (REFERENCE).** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Reference copies concerning state and/or federal financial audits of schools/departments.

**Office of Record:** University Internal Audit Department.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office after 3 years.

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- 10. Budget Records (REFERENCE).** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Reference copies of budgetary records. Includes budget authorizations, budget reports, requests for budget changes, journal entries, and other related records.
- Office of Record:** Financial Planning and Budgets Office for audit purposes.
- Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office after 2 closed fiscal years.
- 11. Check Registers (REFERENCE).** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Reference copies concerning check register reports produced from the payroll system that show, by department and in alpha order, the payments for each employee for the current cycle of pay. Reports list payments received by employees showing their gross to net wages with applicable federal and state FICA, retirement, and voluntary deduction amounts taken out for each employee on the biweekly or monthly payroll.
- Office of Record:** Payroll Office.
- Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office after 3 closed fiscal years.
- 12. Class Schedules (REFERENCE).** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Reference copies of class schedules generated by schools/departments.
- Office of Record:** Office of University Registrar except for the School of Medicine MD program.
- Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office when reference value ends.
- 13. Committee and Council Records.** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Records concerning activities/operations of committees and councils. Includes correspondence, minutes of meetings, notifications, reports, and other related records.
- Disposition Instructions:**
- a. Destroy in office electronic records after records have been printed and filed into the office's filing system for transfer to the University Archives and when administrative value ends.
  - b. Transfer paper records to the custody of the University Archives after 5 years.
- 14. Committee and Council Records (REFERENCE).** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Reference copies concerning participation and/or interactions with various committees and councils. Includes correspondence, minutes of meetings, notifications, reports, and other related records.
- Office of Record:** Chair of Committee or Council is responsible for official records.
- Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office when reference value ends.
- 15. Conference and Workshop Records (Attended) (REFERENCE).** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Records (including reference copies) concerning conferences and workshops attended by faculty or staff. Includes agendas, correspondence, handouts, programs, and other related records.
- Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office when administrative value ends.

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- 16. Conference and Workshop Records (Conducted).** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Records concerning conferences and workshops conducted by faculty or staff. Includes agendas, correspondence, critiques, handouts, programs, questionnaires, reports, reservations, training materials, and other related records.
- Disposition Instructions:**
- a. Destroy in office electronic records after records have been printed and filed into the office's filing system for transfer to the University Archives and when administrative value ends.
  - b. Transfer paper records to the custody of the University Archives after 5 years.
- 17. Contracts, Agreements, and Leases.** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Records (including reference copies) concerning services, facilities, and equipment used by schools/departments.
- Office of Record:** Purchasing Services maintains contracts, agreements, and leases paid by purchase orders. Office of University Counsel maintains contracts, agreements and leases signed by the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration. Individual school/department maintains contracts, agreements and leases fully funded and paid by foundation monies and exempt from procurement regulations.
- Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office 5 years after expiration if no litigation, claim, audit, or other official action has been initiated. If official action has been initiated, destroy in office after completion of action and resolution of issues involved.
- 18. Correspondence.** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Records concerning the administration of the office. Includes directives, memorandums, official office correspondence, reports, and other related records.
- Disposition Instructions:**
- a. Destroy in office electronic records after records have been printed and filed into the office's filing system for transfer to the University Archives and when administrative value ends.
  - b. Transfer paper records to the custody of the University Archives after 5 years.
- 19. Course Development Records.** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Records concerning the development of courses and curricula for schools/departments. Includes course materials, correspondence, committee minutes/reports, and other related records.
- Disposition Instructions:**
- a. Destroy in office electronic records after paper records have been printed and filed into paper filing system for transfer to University Archives and when administrative value ends.
  - b. Transfer paper records to the custody of the University Archives after 5 years.
- 20. Course Evaluations by Students.** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Course evaluations completed by students. Includes reference copies.
- Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office after 5 years.

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**21. Course Syllabi/Outlines.** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Records (including reference copies) concerning each course taught by the school/department.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office when administrative value ends.

**22. Enrollment and Grade Reports (REFERENCE) [RESTRICTED ACCESS].** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Reference copies concerning enrolled students and their grades earned. Includes enrollment reports, Distribution of Grades by Instructors reports, grade roll reports, and other related reports.

**Confidentiality:** Comply with 20 U.S.C. 1232g (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974) regarding the confidentiality of student records.

**Office of Record:** Office of University Registrar.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office 1 year after distribution date.

**23. Examinations, Tests, Term Papers, and Homework Records [RESTRICTED ACCESS].**

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Records created to measure student progress in a course. Includes final examination booklets, examination tests and scores, graded term papers, and other related records.

**Confidentiality:** Comply with 20 U.S.C. 1232g (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974) regarding the confidentiality of student records.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office 1 year after completion, if grade results are unchallenged. If challenged, destroy in office after resolution of challenge.

**24. Faculty Awards and Honors Records (REFERENCE).** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Reference copies concerning awards and honors given to faculty members. Includes award notification, list of recipients, recommendations, and other related records.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office when administrative value ends.

**25. Grant and External Research Funding Records (REFERENCE).** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Reference copies concerning proposals/applications for research funding from external agencies. Includes proposals/applications, internal processing forms, external agency proposals, budgets, award agreements, and other related records.

**Office of Record:** Office of Sponsored Research.

**See Also:** Research Project Records for records relating to funded grants and research.

**Disposition Instructions:**

- a. Destroy in office awarded grants/research funding upon authorization of the Office of Sponsored Research.
- b. Destroy in office non-funded grants when administrative value ends.

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- 26. Internship/Fellowship Records [RESTRICTED ACCESS].** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Records (including reference copies) concerning scholarships, internships, and fellowships within a school/department. Includes accounting statements, applications, correspondence, recommendations, reference copies of award notifications, descriptions of awards, eligibility criteria, guidelines, procedures, regulations, and other related records.
- Confidentiality:** Comply with applicable provisions of 20 U.S.C. 1232g (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974) regarding the confidentiality of student records.
- Office of Record:** Office of Scholarships and Student Aid maintains names of recipients and financial aid award letters, if need-based funding is awarded to the student.
- Disposition Instructions:**
- a. Destroy in office accounting statements and applications 5 years after award year and after released from all audits.
  - b. Destroy in office remaining records when superseded or obsolete.
- 27. Maintenance Services (Facilities) Records (REFERENCE).** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Reference copies concerning facility maintenance services conducted for schools/departments. Includes correspondence, maintenance reports, work orders, and other related records.
- Office of Record:** Facilities Services, Maintenance Management.
- Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office 2 years after work is completed.
- 28. News Media Clippings (REFERENCE).** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Reference copies of news media clippings concerning school/department activities, accomplishments, and/or personnel.
- Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office after 5 years.
- 29. News Releases (REFERENCE).** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Reference copies of news releases of University activities, accomplishments, and/or personnel.
- Office of Record:** UNC News Services or office releasing information.
- Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office when administrative value ends.
- 30. Office Operations Records.** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Records (including reference copies) concerning the daily operation of the office. Includes transmittal slips, travel reservation data, downloaded files, and other related records.
- Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office when administrative value ends.

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- 31. Organization and Association Records (REFERENCE).** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Reference copies concerning various faculty, student, and professional organizations and associations with which school/department interacts. Includes announcements, correspondence, minutes, publications, reports, and other related records.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office when reference value ends.

- 32. Parking Assignment Records.** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Records (including reference copies) concerning staff parking assignments. Includes applications and lists of staff parking assignments.

**Office of Record:** Department of Public Safety, Parking Services.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office when administrative value ends.

- 33. Personnel (EPA-One-Time-Payment) Records [RESTRICTED ACCESS].** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Records (including reference copies) concerning employees hired to fulfill temporary, short-term duties. "One-Time-Payments (OTPs)" apply to honoraria paid to visiting lecturers and consultants as well as to university staff and students who undertake duties outside, and not in conflict with, their regular work. Includes personnel action forms and other related records.

**Confidentiality:** Comply with applicable provisions of General Statutes of North Carolina 126-22, 126-23, 126-24, and 126-29 regarding the confidentiality of personnel records.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office after 3 closed fiscal years and when released from all audits.

- 34. Personnel (EPA) Records (REFERENCE) [RESTRICTED ACCESS].** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Reference copies concerning full-time and part-time EPA employees. Includes applications for employment, Hiring Credentials Check Form, personnel action forms, reference letters, and other related records.

**Confidentiality:** Comply with applicable provisions of General Statutes of North Carolina 126-22, 126-23, 126-24, and 126-29 regarding the confidentiality of personnel records.

**Office of Record:** Office of Human Resources, Employee Records; Chancellor's Office; Provost's Office; International Center and/or Dean's Offices of various Schools depending upon the reporting structure of department, maintain all records except Hiring Credentials Check Form.

**Disposition Instructions:**

- a. Transfer Hiring Credentials Check Form 3 years after termination of employment or transfer from department to employee's main personnel file held by Office of Record as listed above.
- b. Destroy in office remaining records 5 years after termination of employment or transfer from department.

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**35. Personnel (EPA) Records (Student Employees) [RESTRICTED ACCESS].** DCR Approved 7/25/2008

Records concerning student employees classified as EPA. Includes applications for employment, personnel action forms, reference letters, and other related records.

**Confidentiality:** Comply with applicable provisions of General Statutes of North Carolina 126-22, 126-23, 126-24, and 126-29 regarding the confidentiality of personnel records.

**Disposition Instructions:**

- a. Microfiche in office according to state standards (<http://www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/records/micro.htm>) 5 years after employee's separation or termination. Create 2 copies of microfiche (1 silver-halide preservation copy and 1 diazo use copy).
- b. Transfer silver halide microfiche to University Archives for permanent offsite security backup and diazo copy to HR-Employee Records for reference/use copy once microfiche becomes available from vendor.
- c. Destroy in office paper records after all quality control procedures for creating and proofing microfiche have been completed.
- d. HR-Employee Records will transfer diazo use copy to University Archives 30 years after employee's separation or termination from employment.

**36. Personnel (SPA) Records (REFERENCE) [RESTRICTED ACCESS].** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Reference copies concerning full-time and part-time SPA employees. Includes applications for employment, personnel action forms, reference letters, and other related records.

**Confidentiality:** Comply with applicable provisions of General Statutes of North Carolina 126-22, 126-23, 126-24, and 126-29 regarding the confidentiality of personnel records.

**Office of Record:** Office of Human Resources, Employee Records; Chancellor's Office; Provost's Office; International Center and/or Dean's Offices of various Schools.

**Disposition Instructions:** Comply with retention instructions outlined in the SPA Personnel Forms Inventory Retention Module (<http://hr.unc.edu/Data/SPA/records/HR-retention.pdf>).

**37. Personnel Activity Reports (PARS) (REFERENCE).** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Reference copies concerning a federal requirement (OMB Circular A-21, Section J10c) that requires employees compensated from sponsored agreements periodically confirm that their salary distribution is a reasonable estimate of the work they performed during the reporting period. Includes Biweekly/Monthly Personnel Activity Control Report (PARS06) and Biweekly/Monthly Personnel Activity Report (PARS07).

**Office of Record:** Office of Sponsored Research.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office after 3 closed fiscal years.

**38. Photographs.** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Photographic prints, negatives, print indexes, and digital images of departmental activities and related subjects.

**Disposition Instructions:** Transfer to the custody of the University Archives after 5 years and when administrative value ends.

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**39. Policies and Procedures.** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Records of policies and procedures written by the office concerning office administration.

**Disposition Instructions:**

- a. Destroy in office electronic records after records have been printed and filed into the office's filing system for transfer to the University Archives and when administrative value ends.
- b. Transfer paper records to the custody of the University Archives after superseded or obsolete.

**40. Policies and Procedures (REFERENCE).** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Reference copies of policies and procedures concerning office administration, written by other offices on campus. Includes UNC Business Manual, HR policies and other related policies and procedures.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office when superseded or obsolete.

**41. Publications.** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Documents (such as reports, directories, statistical compendia, bibliographies, maps, regulations, newsletters, pamphlets, brochures, periodicals, bulletins, compilations, or registers), prepared as publications by the University or private organization, consultant, or research firm under contract with or under the supervision of the University.

**Note:** These publications do not include administrative documents used only within the University, or documents produced for instructional purposes not for sale or publication. Retention is for final published records only.

**Disposition Instructions:**

- a. Transfer ten copies of departmental publications (not for sale) and five copies of departmental publications (for sale) to UNC-CH Publication Services, CB #6200 (962-3761), when received from printers, to be forwarded to the State Documents Clearinghouse, North Carolina State Library in accordance with the General Statutes of North Carolina 125-11.7/11.8.
- b. For departmental publications available only on the Web, provide UNC-CH Publication Services with a list of URL's for these publications to be forwarded to the State Documents Clearinghouse, North Carolina State Library in accordance with the General Statutes of North Carolina 125-11.7/11.8.
- c. Transfer one copy of each departmental publication to the North Carolina Collection, CB #3930 (962-1172).
- d. Transfer one copy to the University Archives when reference value ends.

**42. Purchase Card Receipts.** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Receipts of departmental card purchases.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office after 5 years if no litigation, claim, audit, or other official action has been initiated. If official action has been initiated, destroy in office after completion of action and resolution of issues involved.

**43. Purchase Orders (REFERENCE).** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Reference copies concerning purchases of supplies and equipment.

**Office of Record:** Controller's Office (Payable), Materials Support Department.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office after 2 closed fiscal years.

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**44. Receipts (REFERENCE).** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Reference copies detailing amounts received by department from various sources. Includes ledgers, receipt books, and other related records.

**Office of Record:** Controller's Office (Accounting Services, Cash Management Office).

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office after 2 closed fiscal years.

**45. Reference Records.** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Reference copies concerning subjects of interest to the department. Includes directives and guidelines, news articles, publications, reports, and other related records.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office when administrative value ends.

**46. Reports.** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Reports concerning school/department programs and activities.

**See Also:** Annual Reports.

**Disposition Instructions:**

- a. Destroy in office electronic records after records have been printed and filed into the office's filing system for transfer to the University Archives and when administrative value ends.
- b. Transfer paper records to the custody of the University Archives after 5 years.

**47. Research Project Records.** DCR Approved 8/2/2007

Records (including reference copies) concerning grant or internally funded research projects by faculty and/or departments/offices. Includes correspondence, project descriptions, final project reports/deliverables, patents or inventions, data, correspondence, and other related records.

**See Also:** Grant and External Research Funding Records.

**Disposition Instructions:**

- a. Transfer final project reports/deliverables to the custody of the University Archives 5 years after termination and final payments, when released from all audits, upon approval of the Office of Sponsored Research and after meeting the requirements of the sponsoring agency.
- b. Destroy in office all other related records 5 years after termination and final payments, when released from all audits, upon approval of the Office of Sponsored Research, and meeting the requirements of the sponsoring agency.

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**48. Search Committee Records (Faculty/EPA Non-Faculty) [RESTRICTED ACCESS].** DCR

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Records concerning activities of specially-formed search committees charged with recruiting faculty/EPA non-faculty. Includes applications, curricula vitae, resumes, correspondence, committee member list, meeting notes, video and audio recordings of interviews/presentations, and other related records.

**Confidentiality:** Comply with applicable provisions of General Statutes of North Carolina 126-22, 126-23, 126-24, and 126-29 regarding the confidentiality of personnel records.

**Office of Record:** Chair of Committee or Council.

**See Also:** Search Committee Records (Administrative Official) if applicable.

**Note:** Does not include search records for Administrative Officials.

**Disposition Instructions:**

- a. Transfer application materials of selected applicant to the hiring office's Personnel (EPA) File.
- b. Destroy in office remaining records 3 years after end of committee's charge, if no litigation, claim, audit, or other official action has been initiated. If official action has been initiated, destroy in office after completion of action and resolution of issues involved.

**49. Search Committee Records (Faculty/EPA Non-Faculty) (REFERENCE) [RESTRICTED ACCESS].** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Reference copies concerning activities of specially-formed search committees charged with recruiting faculty/EPA non-faculty. Includes applications, correspondence, resumes, and other related records.

**Confidentiality:** Comply with applicable provisions of General Statutes of North Carolina 126-22, 126-23, 126-24, and 126-29 regarding the confidentiality of personnel records.

**Office of Record:** Chair of Committee or Council.

**See Also:** Search Committee Records (Administrative Officials) if applicable.

**Note:** Does include search committees for Administrative Officials.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office upon completion of committee's charge.

**50. Speeches.** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Records of speeches delivered by the school/department head or other members of the department's staff.

**Disposition Instructions:**

- a. Destroy in office electronic records after records have been printed and filed into the office's filing system for transfer to the University Archives and when administrative value ends.
- b. Transfer paper records to the custody of the University Archives after 5 years.

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**51. Staff/Faculty Meeting Records.** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Records concerning school/department staff and faculty meetings. Includes minutes of meetings, reports, and other related records.

**Disposition Instructions:**

- a. Destroy in office electronic records after records have been printed and filed into the office's filing system for transfer to the University Archives and when administrative value ends.
- b. Transfer paper records to the custody of the University Archives after 5 years.

**52. Staff/Faculty Meeting Records (REFERENCE).** DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Reference copies concerning school/department staff and faculty meetings. Includes minutes of meetings, reports, and other related records.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office when reference value ends.

**53. Student Academic Records (Graduate) [RESTRICTED ACCESS].** DCR Approved 7/25/2008

Records concerning graduate students receiving Master or PhD degrees from the department. Includes accepted application, letters of reference, statement of purpose, writing/production sample (CD or Video), and other related records.

**Confidentiality:** Comply with applicable provisions of 20 U.S.C. 1232g (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974) regarding the confidentiality of student records.

**Office of Record:** Office of University Registrar.

**Disposition Instructions:**

- a. Destroy in office records held officially by the University Registrar 5 years after degree awarded or date last registered.
- b. Destroy remaining records 10 years after degree awarded or date last registered.

**54. Student Academic Records (Undergraduate) (REFERENCE) [RESTRICTED ACCESS].**

DCR Approved 1/11/2007

Reference copies concerning the academic performance of undergraduate students enrolled in the department. Includes correspondence, recommendations, transcripts, applications for admission, recommendations, original academic advising worksheets, graduation applications, honors and awards received, comprehensive examination results, credit by examination results, drop/add forms, pass/fail forms, placement test scores, repeat course forms, transfer equivalency records and other related records.

**Confidentiality:** Comply with applicable provisions of 20 U.S.C. 1232g (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974) regarding the confidentiality of student records.

**Office of Record:** Office of University Registrar.

**Disposition Instructions:**

- a. Destroy in office inactive student records 4 years after date of last registration.
- b. Destroy in office graduated student records 5 years after graduation.

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- 55. Student Awards and Honors Records [RESTRICTED ACCESS].** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Records (including reference copies) concerning departmental awards and honors given to students. Includes approval forms, recommendations, and other related records.

**Confidentiality:** Comply with applicable provisions of 20 U.S.C. 1232g (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974) regarding the confidentiality of student records.

**Disposition Instructions:**

- a. Destroy in office after 5 years.
- b. Destroy in office graduated student records 5 years after graduation.

- 56. Supplies and Equipment Records.** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Records (including reference copies) concerning supplies and equipment. Includes operating manuals, inventories, warranties, accounting statements and other related records.

**Disposition Instructions:**

- a. Transfer operating manuals to Materials Support Department, Materials Management and Distribution Division, Surplus Property Office when equipment is surplus.
- b. Destroy in office warranties and inventories when superseded or obsolete.
- c. Destroy in office remaining records after equipment is surplus and after released from all audits.

- 57. Surplus Property Records.** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Records (including reference copies) concerning surplus property and its disposition. Includes inventories, disposal logs, and other related records.

**Office of Record:** Materials Support Department, Materials Management Distribution Division, Surplus Property.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office 3 years after property is surplus if no litigation, claim, audit, or other official action has been initiated. If official action has been initiated, destroy in office after completion of action and resolution of issues involved.

- 58. Telephone Billing Records (REFERENCE).** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Reference copies concerning monthly office telephone bills.

**Office of Record:** Information Technology Services, Telecommunications Office for audit purposes.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office after 2 closed fiscal years.

- 59. Tenure Records (REFERENCE) [RESTRICTED ACCESS].** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Reference copies concerning the awarding of tenure to university faculty members. Includes correspondence, recommendations, and other related records.

**Confidentiality:** Comply with applicable provisions of General Statutes of North Carolina 126-22, 126-23, 126-24, and 126-29 regarding the confidentiality of personnel records.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office when reference value ends.

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- 60. Textbook Request and Order Records (REFERENCE).** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Reference copies concerning requests and orders for textbooks and other reference materials. Includes orders, request forms, and other related records.

**Office of Record:** Student Stores, Textbook Department.

**Disposition Instructions:** Destroy in office after 2 closed fiscal years.

- 61. Travel Records.** See travel amendment on page 11.

- 62. Website Records.** DCR Approved 1/11/2007  
Records concerning the creation and maintenance of the office's presence on the World Wide Web (WWW). Includes correspondence, procedures, instructions, website designs, actual website HTML / XML files, completed Website Description and Technical Information Forms, and other related records.

**Disposition Instructions:**

- a. Create website snapshots annually and when a major revision change to the website has taken place. Transfer website snapshots on CD-ROMs, completed Website Description and Technical Information Forms, and other remaining paper records to the custody of the University Archives.
- b. Erase in office electronic records after website snapshots have been taken and when administrative value ends.