Wabash College Wireless Access Point Policy Version 1.0, January 13, 2011

Background

The Wabash College data network is an essential campus resource that supports all areas of the campus community, including teaching and learning, research, administrative offices, and residential life. The Information Technology Services (IT Services) department has designed and maintains the Wabash network to ensure robust, reliable, and high-quality service for all network users.

In order to provide the highest level of service to all students, faculty, and staff, Wabash IT Services has established the following policy regarding wireless access points.

Policy

- 1. All wireless access points on the Wabash College campus will be installed and maintained by IT Services.
- 2. Students, employees, and other campus users may not connect their own wireless access points to the Wabash network, or establish independent wireless networks on the Wabash College campus.
- 3. Wireless Network Interface Cards (NICs) may not be configured to serve as an access point.
- 4. Students and employees who find areas on campus with poor connectivity to the Wabash wireless network should report the issue to the IT Services Help Desk (helpdesk@wabash.edu, 765.361.6400).

Rationale

Wireless networking devices have a limited set of radio frequencies in which to operate. Access points operating independently of the Wabash wireless network create interference with campus access points, and can significantly degrade (or even prevent) network access for other users.

Sanctions

Violations of the above policies may result in termination of network privileges and will be reported to the Dean of Students Office, the Dean of the College, or the Director of Human Resources, as appropriate.

Responsible Organization

This policy is established by the Wabash College Information Technology Services department. Questions or comments should be directed to Brad Weaver, Director of IT Services, at weaverb@wabash.edu, or by phone 765-361-6308.