

Conditions of Use: E-Mail Communications at Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine

All dental students, faculty, and staff using Boston University computers, facilities, and communications systems, including accessing electronic list-serves for individual and group e-mail communications, must maintain professional standards in content and communications and are expected to adhere to Boston University's "Conditions of Use and Policy on Computing Ethics." That policy is available at <http://www.bu.edu/dos/policies/lifebook/computing-ethics/>.

Use of electronic mail and electronic list-serves is a privilege, and the University reserves the right to take action, including restriction or revocation of the privilege, as necessary, in response to inappropriate messages or communications. The Assistant Dean of Student Services will adjudicate all questions regarding propriety of any material appearing in e-mail communications or utilizing electronic list-serves.

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Dental School student list-serves are established by the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine's Office of Information Technology to facilitate communications among and between students, faculty, and staff at the Dental School. Whether access and use is moderated or un-moderated, the list-serves may not be used to endorse or advertise commercial products or services; communicate political or personal opinions; or share messages that do not meet the guidelines set forth in Boston University's "Conditions of Use and Policy on Computing Ethics", available at <http://www.bu.edu/dos/policies/lifebook/computing-ethics/>.

In addition, the list-serves may not be used to endorse or advertise any on or off-campus student-organization functions or events, associated in any way with the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine brand, that include the presence or the consumption of alcohol or the presence or use of any illegal drugs. The Dental School's policy on the possession and use of alcohol and drugs is consistent with that of Boston University as expressed in the "Boston University Statement on Illegal Drugs and Alcohol". In the case of student-organization sponsored off-campus events that are planned to include alcohol, Boston University, including BUMC, policy requires completion and submission, of an "Application to Serve or Consume Alcohol at BUMC Student Events" form. The Boston University Statement on Illegal Drugs and Alcohol is located on the following web site for the Boston University Lifebook under "University Policies & Procedures": <http://www.bu.edu/dos/policies/lifebook/drugs-alcohol/>, and more specifically, for the Dental School at: <http://www.bumc.bu.edu/busm-od/bumc-guidelines-for-serving-consuming-alcohol-at-bumc-events/>.

Review of the “University Code of Student Responsibilities” identifies all activities, including gambling, that constitute violations of the Code and are available on the web site of the “Boston University Lifebook” under “University Policies & Procedures”: <http://www.bu.edu/dos/policies/lifebook/>, with more specific reference to the Dental School, available at the Dental School website, in the DMD Student Guide, at the link for “Student Rights and Responsibilities”: <http://www.bu.edu/dental/students/resources/policies/>.

Acceptable use of the list-serves include, but are not limited to, announcements of school-sponsored or student-organization sponsored meetings and events; posting student requests for academic schedule swaps; communicating personal (non-commercial) sales or exchanges of textbooks, dental instruments or equipment by dental students; and posting of course information, class information, and policy information by course directors and/or their designees. Student organizations must work with the Student Affairs to complete an “Event Approval” and “Room Request Form” for any on campus organization meeting or event. Submission of these forms to the Student Affairs by student-organization officers is required prior to the drafting, or placement, of any announcement on the dental list-serves to ensure proper authorization and determination that no conflict exists with the planned events of any other organization.

Although the University, and on its behalf, the GSDM Student Affairs, reserves the right to review any material posted to the list-serves to ensure compliance with and enforcement of the above policies, the appearance of any posting to the list-serves does not imply that such posting has been reviewed, or approved, by the University, or GSDM Student Affairs.

Further, since the Dental School permits students, faculty and staff certain un-moderated use of these list-serves, placement and distribution of such information on the list-serves does not imply approval or endorsement by the University, or the Dental School, of the posted information or event, or approval or endorsement of the views or opinions, expressed by any guest speaker, attendees, or sponsoring organization.

Any user of the list-serves who believes that inappropriate material or notices have been posted to those list-serves should notify Student Affairs or the Assistant Dean of Students at Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine to initiate a review of the posted material or notice.

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