

POLICY TYPE: Assets Security

POLICY TITLE: Copyright Infringement of Computer Software Programs

Responsible Administrator:	Vice President of Administrative Services
Location of Related Procedures:	Office of the Vice President of Administrative Services Office of Finance Director Office of Legal Advisor/Services Office of Chief Information Officer (Security)

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