



**Social Networks Privacy and security**

# **SOCIAL MEDIA BENEFITS AND RISKS**



# Agenda

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- Social Media Risks and Concerns
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# What is Social Media

## ■ Facebook

- 500 million users 2011
- 1 in every 13 people on earth
- 48% of 18 – 34 check Facebook daily

## ■ Twitter

- 200,000,000+ registered users
- 460,000 new sign-ups daily
- 155,000,000 Tweets per day

## ■ YouTube

- 100 million + users
- 24 hours of video are uploaded every minute

# Social Media's Professional Side



## ■ LinkedIn

- 100 million + members, March 2011
- 17,800,000 members in Groups
- Groups – Education, finance, healthcare, etc.

## ■ Plaxo

- 50 million users
- Electronic address book



# Benefits of Social Media

## ■ Marketing

- Selling and promoting the university to students
- Academics, research, sports

## ■ Brand recognition

- University accomplishments
- Selling and promoting the university to alumni, businesses and potential donors

## ■ Human resources

- Job postings



# Benefits of Social Media

- Communication tool
- Direct customer communication
- Speed of feedback/results
- Low cost
- Reach
- Credibility
- Customer service

# Regulatory Risks and Concerns



- FERPA, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
- HIPAA, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

- Require the non-disclosure of personal private student and patient data.
- Require notification if personal private data is disclosed

# Social Media Risks and Concerns

- Reputational and financial risks
- Information security risks
- Legal risks



# Reputational and financial risks



## ■ Making the news for all the wrong reasons

- Security breaches
- Posting of personal private data
- Posting of embarrassing information (data, reports, photos, videos)
- Re-posting of data: e-mails, memos, reports, employee rants can be resent by recipients to a much larger and unintended audiences.
- “Name squatting” or “Brand hijacking” when a third party uses your company name or logos without your permission in social media.

# Reputational and financial risks



Where Success is a Tradition

## Consequences

- Cost of corrective actions and damage control
- Loss of donations, grants
- Lawsuits



# Information security risks

- Introduction of viruses/malware to the corporate network
  - Security breaches
  - Loss of productivity / downtime
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- Consequences
    - Reputational damage
    - Regulatory fines



# Legal risks

- Disclosure of sensitive or protected information:
  - An employee could unwittingly click on links to spam or phishing schemes or download malicious code on to the university network
- Regulatory violations
- Discovery and preservation issues:
  - Ensure that data can be preserved, retrieved and produced if required
  - Just because an attorney is cc'd, does not make it privileged
  - If a privilege exists, it can be lost:
    - ➥ Once communications are shared with others, any privilege of confidentiality will be lost.



# Business Risks

- Here are five primary business risks associated with the use of social media:
  - Introduction of viruses/malware to the corporate network;
  - Brand hijacking, such as a brand being impersonated on Twitter;
  - Unclear or undefined content rights to information posted on social media sites;
  - Unrealistic customer expectations of service through the ability to communicate with companies online 24/7; and
  - Noncompliance with record management regulations because of mismanagement of electronic communications.



# Social Media Risk Control

- Policies and procedures address at least:
  - What is social media
  - Acceptable and authorized use of social media
  - Posting rules/requirements for data, videos
  - What is not allowed (rants, threatening, hateful or sexual content, bad mouthing employees, etc.)
  - Rules for friending between employees, supervisors, students and faculty
  - Regulatory requirements
  - Copyright rules
  - Intellectual property rules

# Social Media Risk Controls

## • Communications:

- Communicate to all personnel (and students) the social media policies and procedures
- Periodic communications regarding social media acceptable use
  - i.e. if an employee uses the university's name for a personal post are they required to include a disclaimer.
- Communicate when and how to notify management of policy violations.



# Social Media Risk Control

## ■ Training

- Social media use training for users that will use social media as part of their job function or for research purposes
- Provide a webinar on social media use, risks, and your policies and procedures
- Social media use and regulatory requirements / restrictions (clearly defining that posting private patient or student is not allowed)



# Social Media Risk Control

## Information Technology Controls

- Antivirus/malware software
- Firewalls
- Logging and monitoring
- Security controls implemented on your social media site
- Scanning the social media sites for your data
  - >You can set up Google for “Social Mention” alerts when your university or president name is used

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## Questions