

## **Internet Protocol (IP) Telephony**

**Summary/Purpose:** Defines the use of IP Telephony

The following policy applies to IP Telephony.

The University maintains a telephone and long distance system to permit University business and provide an online accountability interface for auditing purposes. The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services has statutory oversight of IT and telecommunications procurements for all state agencies, including the IHLs. Their opinion is that Skype and other such services are not a suitable substitute for business-class telephone service for state agencies. Under special circumstances exceptions can be obtained through the University Telecommunications Center.