Document Retention & Destruction Policy

I. Introduction

This policy provides for the systematic review, retention and destruction of records received or created by Colgate University ("university") in connection with the transaction of university business. The attached Guidelines for Record Retention was prepared in light of all federal, state and legal requirements. Because the university does not have a centralized records management office, each department is responsible for the retention, disposal, and transfer of the records it generates.

The Guidelines for Record Retention will assist faculty and staff in identifying those portions of their files that are appropriate for retention and for transfer to the university Archives. Original materials (see Sections III and IV below for details) should be retained in the office of origin according to the Guidelines for Record Retention. When the retained records become of historical interest only, they should be sent to the Archives with an explanation of their importance.

II. Definition of Records

Official records consist of recorded information that are created or received by university employees in the course of performing official functions on behalf of the university. These may include items related to policies, decisions, procedures, operations, and external or internal transactions. These records are the property of the university. See Section III for items that are not official records.

Official records can be recorded on any physical form or medium, including paper or electronic. Examples of official records include accounting documents, payroll records, memoranda, letters, reports, books, plans, maps, diagrams, photographs, film, recordings, e-mail, word-processed documents, spreadsheets, databases, and imaging systems.

III. Retention Schedules

Records should be retained according to the Guidelines for Record Retention. It is important to note that there is only one official record. Duplicate copies may exist in several different departments. The custodian of that record is responsible for the retention and destruction of that record. Duplicate copies should not be retained for any longer than what is prescribed in the Guidelines for Record Retention.

The Guidelines for Record Retention summarize many of the common university records and their respective retention period. Each office that generates official records must develop, update,

and adhere to the official retention schedule pertinent to the responsibilities carried out in that office. These schedules include:

- Description of Official Record
- Recommended minimal retention period (Note that guidance on retention times for many types of official records are provided by law and/or professional associations)
- Retention period (which may be longer than mandated by law)
- Location of records
- Method of disposal or records transfer
- Departmental responsibility for maintenance and destruction of records
- Whether these records should be transferred to the Archives at the end of the retention period
- Whether these records are confidential, and if so, how long the restriction should last.

It is important to retain critical documents, but many items do not need to be retained. Records that should be disposed of at the end of their retention period include:

- Records of specific financial transactions
- Routine letters of transmittal and acknowledgment
- Memoranda that are not personally addressed—except for one record copy from the issuing senior staff member
- Requests for publications or information after the requests have been filled
- Replies to questionnaires if the results are recorded and preserved either in the Archives or in a published report (which also should come to the Archives).

Items without a retention period, which may be discarded directly from the office when they are no longer needed for administrative purposes, include:

- All blank forms and unused printed or duplicated materials
- All other duplicate material, including received e-mail messages from other offices on campus: the originating office should keep only the original; keep annotated copies
- Papers, reports, working papers, and drafts that have been published
- Artifacts and memorabilia. The Archives does not collect non-paper objects except in
 cases of great importance to the history of the university and manageable physical size
 and condition. Please contact the Archivist to discuss options for preservation of such
 objects.

Where a record may fit into one or more categories with different retention periods, the record should be maintained for the longer retention period.

If any person subject to this policy believes, or is informed by or on behalf of the university, that the university records are relevant to actual or potential litigation (whether the university is suing or being sued by a third party) or an actual or potential governmental investigation or audit, then those records must be preserved until the university's legal advisors determine the records are no longer needed. This exception supersedes any previously or subsequently established destruction schedule for those records.

IV. Transfer to Archives

After the specified retention period in the office of origin, items of historical value should be transferred to the Archives. Space may not be immediately available; please consult with the Archivist about retaining these documents in the office of origin for an additional period.

Records commonly transferred to the Archives:

- 1. Constitutions and bylaws, minutes and proceedings, transcripts, lists of officers and university committees, offices, and departments
- 2. Office and department files: correspondence and memoranda (incoming and outgoing), annual reports, subject files concerning projects, activities, and functions
- 3. Historical files documenting policies, decisions, committee and task force reports, questionnaires
- 4. Publications issued by the university or its subdivisions
- 5. Audiovisuals: photographs, films, and sound and video recordings
- 6. Personal papers of students, faculty, and staff that relate to the university's work.

When materials are transferred, they should be kept in the order in which they were created and maintained in the campus office. A letter briefly identifying the material and describing the activity to which it relates should accompany the transfer.

V. Disposal

Disposal of records which have been maintained pursuant to this Policy and which need not be archived or kept should be destroyed regularly, at least annually. It should not be deferred until records become a pressing storage problem. When there is doubt about whether a record may be destroyed, the office of record should review the Guidelines for Record Retention and consult with the Archivist. New York law requires that any sensitive or identifying personal information existing in such records (such as social security number, driver's license number, mother's maiden name, account number or code, or personal financial information) be disposed of in a manner that will prevent unauthorized individuals from accessing the information.

When the required retention period of a record has passed, the record must be destroyed as follows:

<u>Paper records</u>: Paper records should be either (a) discarded, preferably in recycle bins if the records do not contain confidential or personal information or (b) securely shredded or otherwise rendered unreadable if the records contain any confidential or personal information.

<u>Electronic records</u>: Electronic records should be destroyed in the manner prescribed by the university's Chief Information Officer.

VI. Responsibility

- 1. It is the responsibility of every employee to comply with this policy
- 2. It is the responsibility of any individual who supervisors, manages, or directs a department or function to ensure their employees are aware of the policy and adhere to it
- 3. It is the responsibility of each Dean and Vice President to ensure their respective areas are in compliance with this policy so that the university may meet its operational and legal obligations and preserve its historical record.
- 4. The Office of Accounting & Control is delegated the authority to amend the Guidelines for Record Retention as changes surface.

I. President & Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Type of Record	Office of Record	Retention (runs from end of Fiscal Year in which record is created unless otherwise noted)
Board workbook	Secretary/President's Office	Permanent
Charter and bylaws		Permanent
Commencement program		Permanent
Correspondence-with to/cc to the Board Secretary that discusses policies and procedures		Member's term plus three years after ending active Trustee service
Meeting notices		Permanent
Meeting handouts		At the discretion of the Chair/Committee Chair to include as part of the Minutes
Meeting minutes – approved minutes including sub committees		Permanent
Resolutions adopted by written consent in lieu of a meeting		Permanent
Trustee roster and committee assignments		Permanent

II. Dean of the Faculty

Type of Record	Office of Record	Retention (runs from end of Fiscal Year in which record is created unless otherwise noted)
Academic Personnel		
Grievances	Appropriate Department	No Cause Findings; 10 years from determination/ Cause Findings: Permanent
Tenure or promotion dossiers (TYR, Tenure, & Full)		If action approved: Electronic & hard copy documents should be destroyed after announcement
		If tenure denied: Retain until case is resolved, then destroy both electronic and hard copy documents. (Copies will be available in Dean of Faculty's Office indefinently)
Equity & Diversity		
Academic search documents Non-Academic search materials and documents supporting hiring selection decisions A record (list) of complaints of prohibited discrimination and protected status (including sexual) harassment Records generated in the investigation of protected status (including sexual) harassment complaints or complaints of discrimination that are dismissed, or where parties do not pursue Records generated in the investigation of protected status (including sexual) harassment complaints or complaints of	Appropriate Department	4 years from decision to hire 4 years from date of appointment Permanent 4 years from date of determination or dismissal Permanent
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Student accommodations/documentation records	Academic Support and Disability Services	7 years
Dean of the Faculty – General		•
Academic search waivers		For permanent waiver, 4 years from date of appointment; for limited-term waivers, 4

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	Dean of the Faculty	years from satisfaction of subsequent search
<u> </u>		requirements or appointment termination
Conciliation agreement/order		Permanent
Nonacademic search and hiring forms		4 years from date of appointment
A record (list) of reported bias activity		Most recent 4 years
Records generated in the reporting of bias activity	Dean of the Faculty	4 years
Applications from individuals not hired (faculty)	Beam of the Faculty	4 years from hiring decision
Personnel records for faculty		10 years after retirement and then transferred to Human Resources
Individual contracts of employment (faculty)		6 years after termination
Records generated in the reporting of bias activity		4 years
Federal and state required statistics and reports		Permanent
Annual reports		10 years
Faculty set forms		10 years
Leave requests		4 years
Research appointment		7 years from the end of the appointment
Curriculum and Programming	I	
Program planning documents	Door of de Ede-	5 yranga
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Program evaluations		4 years
Reference letters		4 years from departure from Colgate (graduation, withdrawal, dismissal)
Patent & Trademarks & Intellectua	l Property	
Invention disclosures and assignments	Principal Investigator or their respective	Permanent
Foreign patent/application-related work papers	department	Permanent
United States patent and trademark information		Permanent
Animal Welfare		
Research protocols, modifications, and continuations	Principal Investigator or their respective department	3 years after the close of an award
Administrative		
Research monthly reports	Principal Investigator or their respective	6 years
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University Libraries	Retained until items are returned and discharged
	Permanent
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III. Finance & Administration

Type of Record	Office of Record	Retention (runs from end of Fiscal Year in which record is created unless otherwise noted)
Accounting & Control		
Accounts payable invoices		7 years

Accounts receivable statements	Office of Accounting & Control	7 years
Annual financial reports and work papers	office of Accounting & Control	Permanent
Banking records, including deposit and		7 years
withdrawal records, bank statements and		, yours
reconciliations, voided and canceled checks	Office of Accession 8 Control	
Billing records	Office of Accounting & Control	7 years
Cancelled checks (Accounts Payable and		7 years
Payroll)		, , ,
Cash receipts		7 years
Contracts		7 years after termination of contract
Deed of gift (MOU)		Permanent
Depreciation records		Life of asset plus 7 years
Effort certifications		7 years after completion of research/close of
Ziron viniounono		an award
Facilities and administrative cost and		7 years
benefit rate calculations		
Grants-contracts, awards, audits, proposals		7 years after close of an award
and official correspondences		
IRS determination letter		Permanent
Journal entries and back-up documentation		7 years
Licensing agreements		7 years after termination of agreement
Procurement card charge documentation		7 years
Procurement card information		7 years after user becomes inactive
Subsidiary ledgers (accounts payable,		7 years
accounts receivable, etc.)		
Royalty records		7 years after termination of agreement
Sponsorships		7 years after termination of agreement
Travel reimbursements and attachments		7 years
Capital Project Authorization (CPA) forms	Investment/Treasurers Office	Life of project plus 10 years, life of bond plus
		7 years if bond funded
Debt offerings		Life of bond plus 7 years
Tax exempt bond bank statements (deposit		Life of bond plus 3 years
with trustee statements)		1
Trust held by other investment statements		7 years
Inventories	Appropriate Department	7 years
Budget Office		
Annual budget performance reports	Budget Office	10 years
Budget adjustments	Duaget Sines	3 years
Budget worksheets		3 years
Budgets plans and projections		Permanent
General surveys		7 years
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Endowment spending calculations		10 years
Funding/distribution notices		10 years Life of investment plus 7 years
K-1s		7 years
Monthly managers statements		Life of investment plus 7 years
Planned gifts (trusts, life income,	Investment/Treasurers Office	15 years after termination
agreements, annuities) & real estate gifts	mivestment/ Heastrers Office	,
Reconciliations		7 years
Subscription and termination agreements		Life of investment plus 7 years
Surveys		7 years
Student Accounts		
Disclosure statements	Student Accounts	7 years after account has been paid in full
IRS Form 1098T and 1098E		7 years
NY Higher Education Service Corporation		7 years
Scholarship Information		
Perkins Loan Reconciliations		7 years
Student Account records		7 years
Student insurance waiver forms		1 year
Student loan records		7 years
Tuition and fee charges		7 years
Payroll		
Annual payment records (payroll registers)	Payroll	7 years
Federal Work Study payroll records		7 years
Information returns filed with Federal and		7 years
State authorities (W-3, W-2, 941, NYS-45,		
NJ-927, WR-30, NJ-W3, 1042, 1042S, etc.)		
Labor distribution adjustments		7 years
Leave reporting records, nonexempt		7 years
employees		_
Leave reporting records, exempt employees		7 years
Payroll vouchers		7 years
Record of payments and deductions		7 years
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Financial Aid	E 1 4 . 1 0 00.	
Student financial aid records-never attended	Financial Aid Office	6 years
Wage rate notices-student employment NYS Tap		7 years 2 years
Class files		3 years after graduation
I-9s-student employment		4 years after graduation
Direct Loan records relating to program		7 years after the end of the award year in
participation		which the records were submitted
Direct Loan confirmation for each academic		7 years after the end of the award year in
year		which the records were submitted
Student records related to Direct Loan		7 years from the end of the award year in
eligibility		which the student last attended
Campus based program records-		7 years from the end of award year for which
Pell, ACG, SMART grant records		aid was awarded
Foreign Gift and Contract Reporting over		7 years
\$250K with Department of Education Fiscal Operations Report (FISAP) and		5 years from the end of the award year in
supporting documentation		which the report was submitted
Purchasing/Receiving		which the report was submitted
Purchase orders, purchasing contracts &	Purchasing	7 years
agreements with supporting documentation	ruichasnig	7 years
such as requisitions, justifications, and bid		
documentation for PO's, bids, and contracts		
conducted by Purchasing		
Purchasing supplier qualifications/Vendor		7 years after vendor becomes inactive
profile		
Receiving documents		7 years
Capital Project Management		
Bids	Facilities Office	Permanent
Blueprints, studies and drawings		Permanent
Capital project meeting minutes & materials		7 years

Construction invoices for 1-1-1-1-1-1-1-	Investment/To	Life of the hand also 7
Construction invoices – funded with tax exempt bonds	Investment/Treasurers Office	Life of the bond plus 7 years
Construction documentation	Facilities Office	Permanent
Construction contracts and agreements		Permanent
Work orders		7 years
Insurance		1 ,)
Insurance policies	Risk Manager	Permanent
Insurance certificates	Kisk Manager	7 years after expiration of contract
Reports (e.g. security) of accidents or		4 years after report date
incidents		1 years after report date
Certificates of insurance issued by		7 years
University		
Indemnification agreements, hold-harmless		If no claim is presented, 7 years after activity
agreements, contracts		is completed
Human Resources - General		
Employee, faculty personnel files (including	Office of Human Resources	7 years after termination
application, resume, payroll,		
appointment/salary forms, deduction forms,		
contracts, performance appraisals)		
Application from individuals not hired (staff)		4 years from hiring decision
Personnel records for retired individuals (staff)		Until death of employee plus 1 year
Federal reporting requirements: welfare		7 years
benefits and other fringe benefit plans (i.e.		
5500's)		
Employee change of status forms		7 years
Garnishments		7 years
I-9 forms (Faculty and Staff)		4 years from date of hire or 1 year from
		termination, whichever is greater
Union agreements		Permanent
Workers compensation claims filed		7 years
Employee medical records		40 years or 30 years from cessation of
Incident reports (with or without injury)		employment, whichever is greater 5 years following the year in which they
incident reports (with or without injury)		relate
Search committee records (including		4 years from hiring decision
employment applications, resumes and all		4 years from mining decision
applicant search materials) (staff)		
Human Resources – Pension/Post-Re	tirement Renefit	
Benefit committee meeting minutes	Office of Human Resources	Permanent
Benefit plans & amendments	0 11100 01 11umum 11000 un 000	Permanent
Retirement plans and amendments		Permanent
Postretirement benefit valuations		7 years
Retirement plans filed with the Department		Permanent
of Labor and Internal Revenue Service		
Auxiliary Operations (Seven Oaks/Bo	okstore/C-Store/Print Shop/Mailrod	om/Athletics)
Billing records	Appropriate Department	7 years
Bulk mail statements	11 1 1	2 years
Certified mail receipts		30 days
Credit Card reports		7 years
Daily sales reports		6 years
Deposit Slips		6 years
Inventory counts		7 years
Registered mail receipts		60 days
US Postal Form 4412		4 years
Membership information		7 years
Contracts & agreements	Office of Accounting & Control	Permanent

IV. Institutional Advancement

Type of Record	Office of Record	Retention (runs from end of
		Fiscal Year in which record is
		created unless otherwise noted)

Alumni records	Alumni Relations and Advancement	Permanent
Alumni events		3 years
Binding gift agreements		Permanent
Correspondence regarding donor intent to create a restricted fund		Permanent
Estate & bequest information unrelated to donor intent		7 years after settlement
Final campaign reports	Alumni Relations and Advancement	Permanent
Gift documentation		7 years after receipt
Gift receipts		Permanent
Gift in kind reports		10 years
Reunion records		75 years
Stewardship & usage reports		10 years
Statement of intents (Pledges)		10 years
8283/8282		7 years
Career Center		
Internships for credit	Career Center	5 years
Letters of recommendation/credential files		10 years after graduation
Online application materials		Removed after 3 years of inactivity
Publications/Annual reports		10 years
Student contact records		Until death of student
Standardized test reports		5 years
Grants		
Grant audits and reports	Grants Office	Maintained online by reporting authority, and electronic copy submitted to Grants Office
Accepted proposals		10 years
Rejected proposals		3 years after rejection notification received.

V. Admissions

Type of Record	Office of Record	Retention (runs from end of Fiscal Year in which record is created unless otherwise noted)
Admissions for Applicants		
Application materials for enrolled first year and transfer students	Admissions Office	7 years from start of enrolled term
Letters of recommendation		7 years
Application materials for applicants who do not enroll (First Year Students)		7 years from start of application
Application materials for applicants who do not enroll (Transfer & International)		7 years from start of application term
Inquiry materials for those who do not apply for admission		3 years from application term they inquired for

VI. Dean of the College

Type of Record	Office of Record	Retention (runs from end of Fiscal
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		unless otherwise noted)
Discipline letters	Dean of the College	7 years after student's departure from Colgate (graduation, withdrawal, dismissal) or date of
		incident, whichever is longer
Academic integrity code violations (findings		7 years after student's departure from Colgate
of violation and related case files)		(graduation, withdrawal, dismissal) or date of
		incident, whichever is longer
Change of status notices		7 years after student's departure from Colgate
		(graduation, withdrawal, dismissal) or date of
		incident, whichever is longer
CSAS petition		1 year after submission
Incidents reports		7 years from departure from Colgate
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		incident, whichever is longer

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Respirator inspection records		1 year
Respirator fit testing records		While employed plus 4 years
Occupational hazard analysis		Until new analysis is conducted
Vaccination forms		While employed plus 4 years
Ergonomic evaluations		While employed plus 4 years
Hazardous/Medical/Asbestos manifests and		Permanent
reports		
Training on personal protective equipment		Duration of employment plus 4 years
Chemical monitoring		Duration of employment plus 4 years
Environmental safety surveys	EHS Office	4 years
Evacuation drills		4 years
Fire protection systems inspection and test		Required to be maintained until the next test
records		and 4 years thereafter
OSHA training records & logs		Until end of employment plus 5 years
Confined space entry-completed permits		3 years
Confined space inventory		Permanent
Hot work permits		1 year
SCBA inspections		2 years
SPCC tank inspections		Permanent
Water systems reports		3 years
Soil analysis results		Permanent
IAQ surveys		Permanent
AED Prescription/Locations		Monthly
Exposure monitoring records		30 years
Fire protection systems records		5 years
Swimming pool chemical samples		3 years after sample is taken
Lead/PCB/Radon samples & test results		Permanent
Fume hood testing records		3 years
Chemical inventory records		2 years
Tier II reports		Permanent
Pesticide labels/MSDS		1 year
Injury and illness reports		5 years
Licenses		While active plus 5 years
Pest control activity logs		4 years
Radiation dose reports		Permanent
Radiation safety training records		Permanent
Safety committee records		3 years
Radioactive material receiving and		Permanent
inventory records		

VII. Litigation

Type of Record	Office of Record	Retention (runs from end of Fiscal Year in which record is created unless otherwise noted)
Consent orders	Institutional Planning & Research	Permanent
Court orders		Permanent
Judgments		Permanent
Releases		Permanent
Settlements		Permanent

VIII. Communications

Type of Record	Office of Record	Retention (runs from end of Fiscal Year in which record is created unless otherwise noted)
Photographs/Videos	Communications	Keep 10 years and transfer to Archives for review
University publications/brochures		As needed - Send 2 copies to Archives for review