A new policy from the ground up, we replaced the old Information Security Policy. Over the past two years we have been working to supersede sections of the original and move content into new Standards or other Policies. This version sets a framework for an Information Security program as required by ISO 27002 and leaves the details of specific topics in specialized policies, standards, and procedures.

This Standard will superseded two previous User Password and Administrator Password Standards. The main changes were to complexity rules, and some clarifications particularly to make administrator and system account password management more consistent.

This revision adds an “advisory” category, differentiates data classification levels, moves other controls into this document from separate documents, improves clarity (or intends to) and makes other requested changes from user feedback over the year.

Six policies and other network documents were consolidated into a new Data Network Policy and Standard and a Wireless Standard, hopefully resulting in greater ease of use.

We began addressing the collection of Privacy policy documents by implementing a HIPAA Sanctions Standard and a Privacy Liaison Standard to fill gaps. Look for revisions of other Privacy documents next year!

The IT Policy Office is continuing to review and update IT Policies to best serve the University’s Information Technology needs. We are always soliciting feedback on new policies. All feedback that is received by the IT Policy Office is saved and included in the policy review process.

These documents will supersede the Institutional Data Governance Policy. They set out the types of data the University manages, and identifies who is responsible for each type. They set out roles and responsibilities for data management. These documents are the foundation for security and other policies, standards, and procedures. Look for the new documents in January.

Drafts of a new IT Change Management Policy and Standard, and an Access Control Policy and Standard are being reviewed by stakeholder groups now. Expect to hear more as those move forward. If you have a particular interest in either topic, feel free to contact the ITS Policy Office, and you may win an early review of the drafts, or other valuable prizes! (really just more opportunities to review drafts).

If you have feedback on this bulletin, on IT policy development or management, or on any campus IT or privacy policy document, please feel free to contact Kim Stahl directly at kim_stahl@unc.edu, via the ITS policy staff email its_policy@unc.edu, or give us specific feedback on the ITS Policy Review page: https://its.unc.edu/its-policy-review/