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SUBJECT: Digital Copyright Safeguards  
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Dear BGSU Student:

Digital Copyright Safeguards is a BGSU initiative that provides information regarding the proper use of digital copyrighted resources. This information is targeted to those who are provided access to BGSU information technology resources. A definition of information technology resources is available at: <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/cio/page51659.html>

This initiative focuses on distributing relevant information via a multi-layered approach that includes:

- Education / Awareness – including a collaborative presentation for the First Year Success Series entitled “I swear I’m not sharing music or illegally downloading music”
- Legal Alternatives – includes information regarding free or low cost sites that offer music and other forms of digital media
- Technical Safeguards – including the use of a technology that allows legal use of peer to peer (P2P) at BGSU, while detecting attempts to obtain copyrighted content in violation of the DMCA. The Digital Copyright Safeguards web page provides a listing of the technical safeguards that will be implemented for a computer that is determined to be using P2P software to obtain illegal copyrighted materials.
- Notice to Students of Claimed Infringement – if a representative of copyrighted content (RIAA, MPAA, BSA, etc) detects illegal downloading or sharing of copyrighted content on the BGSU network, a letter of the alleged infringement will be sent to the university. In order to comply, Information Technology Services (ITS) will forward the complaint to Student Affairs who will in turn notify the student of the complaint and if appropriate, disciplinary action will be initiated. Examples of these communications are provided on the Digital Copyright Safeguards web page at the link entitled Reacting to DMCA Cease and Desist Notices.

The Digital Copyright Safeguards web page available at: <http://www.bgsu.edu/dmca-safeguards> further details the initiatives outlined above.

All BGSU students are encouraged to review the information available in this email message and at the referenced web site in order to be informed regarding the Digital Copyright Safeguards initiative and DMCA implications for use of digital copyrighted materials. Students are advised that unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material, including peer-to-peer file sharing may be subject to civil and criminal liabilities.

As a student enrolled at BGSU, you are receiving this message from the Information Security Office and the Division of Student Affairs in order to provide you with an important and consistent message regarding DMCA standards. If you have any questions, comments, or would like additional information, you are invited to submit these via email to: [infosec@bgsu.edu](mailto:infosec@bgsu.edu).