Network Configuration Policy

Introduction
The Texas A&M University-Kingsville network infrastructure is provided as a central utility for all users of Texas A&M University-Kingsville Information Resources. It is important that the infrastructure, which includes cabling and the associated equipment such as routers and switches, continues to develop with sufficient flexibility to meet user demands while at the same time remaining capable of exploiting anticipated developments in high speed networking technology to allow the future provision of enhanced user services.

1. **Purpose**
The purpose of the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Network Configuration Policy is to establish the rules for the maintenance, expansion and use of the network infrastructure. These rules are necessary to preserve the integrity, availability, and confidentiality of University information.

2. **Audience**
The Texas A&M University-Kingsville Network Configuration Policy applies equally to all individuals with access to any Texas A&M University-Kingsville Information Resource.

3. **Network Configuration Policy**
   3.1. TAMUK Computing and Information Services owns and is responsible for the Texas A&M University-Kingsville network infrastructure and will manage further developments and enhancements to this infrastructure.
   3.2. To provide a consistent Texas A&M University-Kingsville network infrastructure capable of exploiting new networking developments, all cabling must be installed by TAMUK CIS or an approved contractor.
   3.3. All network connected equipment must be configured to a specification approved by Texas A&M University-Kingsville CIS.
   3.4. All hardware connected to the Texas A&M University-Kingsville network is subject to TAMUK CIS management and monitoring standards.
   3.5. Changes to the configuration of active network management devices must not be made without the approval of Texas A&M University-Kingsville CIS.
   3.6. The Texas A&M University-Kingsville network infrastructure supports a well-defined set of approved networking protocols. Any use of non-sanctioned protocols must be approved by Texas A&M University-Kingsville CIS.
   3.7. The networking addresses for the supported protocols are allocated, registered and managed centrally by Texas A&M University-Kingsville CIS.
   3.8. All connections of the network infrastructure to external third party networks are the responsibility of Texas A&M University-Kingsville CIS. This includes connections to external telephone networks.
   3.9. Users must not extend or re-transmit network services in any way including by installing a router, switch, hub, or wireless access point to the Texas A&M University-Kingsville network without TAMUK CIS approval.
   3.10. Users must not install network hardware or software that provides network services without Texas A&M University-Kingsville CIS approval.
   3.11. Users are not permitted to alter network hardware in any way.

**Disciplinary Actions**
Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination for employees and temporaries; a termination of employment relations in the case of contractors or consultants; dismissal for interns and volunteers; or suspension or expulsion in the case of a student. Additionally, individuals are subject to loss of Texas A&M University-Kingsville Information Resources access privileges, civil, and criminal prosecution.