## Roanoke’s Compliance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act

Roanoke College’s compliance with section 668.14 of the Higher Education Act of 2008, commonly known as the peer-to-peer provision, includes compliance in five main areas (Technology Based Deterrents, Combat Infringements, Legal Alternatives, Communication and Periodic Review). The Director of User Services in the Information Technology Department along with the Associate Dean for Student Life have developed a compliance policy to increase student awareness, educate students and hold them responsible for unauthorized downloading.

**TECHNOLOGICAL DETERRENTS**

Roanoke College blocks illegal file sharing applications at the edge of the network with Exinda which applies a ‘never admit’ policy to incoming traffic.  Outgoing traffic of this type is shaped down to a minimal amount of bandwidth so as to make the traffic unattractive to file sharing or peer-to-peer applications.

Roanoke College’s Director of Network and Telecommunications receives and traces all DMCA and RIAA reported infringements. Once the violator is identified, Student Affairs continues to educate the student and follow up with the infringement.

**COMBAT INFRINGEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION**

The Office of Student Life along with Information Technology will communicate via e-mail to the student body at the beginning of each academic year regarding unauthorized downloading. A statement summarizing unauthorized downloading is also included in the Appropriate Computer Use Policy which can be found in the Student Handbook.

All offenses reported by the DMCA or RIAA will be handled through the college’s student conduct system. A first offense will require the student to meet with and administrator in the Student Conduct office at which time the student will receive a verbal warning. For a second offense, the student will receive a fine and an education task related to unauthorized downloading. On a third offense, the student will be placed on probation.

### LEGAL ALTERNATIVES

Roanoke College provides a link to EduCause’s comprehensive list of alternatives to illegal downloading on their “Services for Students” web page under the Information Technology area.

<http://www.educause.edu/legalcontent>

### PERIODIC REVIEW

The Director of User Services in the Information Technology Department and the Associate Dean for Student Life will review this policy annually.