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**S26-1, University Policy Definition of FERPA Directory
Information and Confidentiality of Student Records**

Legislative History:

On February 2, 2026, the Academic Senate approved University Policy, Definition of FERPA Directory Information and Confidentiality of Student Records, presented by Senator Vogel for the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee.

Rescinds S66-20

Action by University President:

Date: March 9, 2026

Signed and approved by: 
**Cynthia Teniente-Matson, President,
San José State University**

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Whereas, Presidential Directive 2025-01 superseded S66-20, which was innovative and forward-thinking in 1966 and sought to protect student information before the concept rose to state and national legislative recognition, and

Whereas, the intervening years have seen a proliferation of federal law, state law,

and CSU policies (such as FERPA¹, HIPAA², FLSA³, EO 1098⁴, and HEA⁵) which address nearly all controls and prohibitions set forth in S66-20; and

Whereas, the University remains committed to protecting student information in accordance with existing laws; and

Whereas, there was at least one protection in S66-20 before rescission that should be preserved in policy; be it

Resolved: that S66-20 be rescinded and replaced to recognize the authority of federal and state laws, and CSU system policies; and be it further

Resolved: that the new policy is created to define the University's belief that the protection of student information is paramount and should be enforced beyond what is outlined in current law or CSU policy; and be it further

Resolved: that this new policy will define and restrict "Directory Information" as required in FERPA; and be it further

Resolved: that the University reserves the right not to honor requests for directory information and student records from outside of the University, and never for commercial purposes; so be it

Resolved: that the following "Definition of FERPA Directory Information and Confidentiality of Student Records" policy be enacted.

Approved: January 26, 2026

Vote: 14-0-0

Present: Akin, Chisholm, Currin-Percival, Dao, Fryer, Gambarin, Giampaolo, Johnson, Lee, Leisenring, Mathur, Meniketti, Sullivan-Green, Vogel

Absent: Brown, Masegian

Financial Impact: No financial impacts are anticipated.

Workload Impact: No workload impact is anticipated.

¹ FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)

² HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act)

³ FLSA (Fair Labor Standards Act)

⁴ EO 1098 (CSU Executive Order 1098)

⁵ HEA (Higher Education Act)

DEFINITION OF FERPA DIRECTORY INFORMATION AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF STUDENT RECORDS

San José State University is committed to protecting the confidentiality of all students' records.

This policy outlines the University's definition of "Directory Information" as required under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), as well as the restrictions on when this information can be shared outside the University.

Directory Information

San José State University defines these data as "Directory Information."

- Student Name
- Campus ID
- Dates of Attendance/Enrollment
- Major field(s) of study
- Degrees Earned and Dates Conferred
- Honors and Awards Received
- SJSU E-Mail Address
- Enrollment Status (Full, Part Time, or Other)
- Graduate or Undergraduate Status
- Class/Student Level
- Participation in Athletics

Confidentiality of Student Records

The University reserves the right not to honor requests for directory information or student records from outside of the University, unless expressly required under the Federal or California Public Records Act or other federal or state law (e.g., Solomon Act⁶), and never for commercial purposes.

Requests from external organizations that directly support students' educational or career goals, such as scholarship programs, honor societies, or professional industry groups, etc., may be approved, once vetted.

⁶ Solomon Act - 1996 U.S. federal law that allows military recruiters access to student recruiting information