Michigan State University

Administrative Records

Schedule Title Correspondence, General

Schedule Description General inter/intra and non-institutional office communication that deals with the operation of a campus

unit and its personnel. This communication can be in the form of notes, memorandums, or letters that have

no historical, long-term value.

Schedule Retention 2 years

Disposition Retain in office for 2 years or as long as it is active, then destroy.

Office of Record Any

Schedule Title Correspondence, Official

Schedule Description Communication that documents the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the major activities,

functions, projects, and programs of the office. This communication has historical, long-term value.

Schedule Retention Retain 2 years in office/ Permanent

Disposition Retain in office for 2 years, or as long as it is active, then transfer to the archives for permanent retention.

Office of Record Any

Schedule Title Correspondence, Personal

Schedule Description Communication between parties which has no relationship to the workplace.

Schedule Retention Do not retain this type of record at office.

Disposition None

Office of Record Any

Schedule Title Reference Files (also called Subject Files/Vertical Files)

Schedule Description These files are used as in-house reference. It contains pamphlets, notes, magazines, books, etc. about topics

that employees will need to reference in order to do their tasks. It does not contain any original or unique

documentation.

Schedule Retention Retain in office as long as needed, then destroy. It is highly recommended that these files are weeded each

year

Disposition As needed

Office of Record Any

Schedule Title Forms of Original Entry

Schedule Description These include work-order forms, data-entry forms, and receipts of that are not retained under any other

established schedule.

Schedule Retention Retain these until an audit or verification is complete, then destroy.

Disposition Until Audit

Office of Record Any

Schedule Title Clipping File

Schedule Description Newspaper, magazine, and journal articles.

Schedule Retention Retain in office as long as needed, then copy to high quality paper and transfer to the archives.

* NOTE: when copying, retain all information including newspaper title and date.

Disposition As needed

Office of Record Any

Schedule Title Manuals, Equipment

Schedule Description This includes all guides provided by the manufacturer.

Schedule Retention Keep as long as needed, then discard.

Disposition As needed

Office of Record Any

Schedule Title Minutes/Agendas

Schedule Description Minutes and Agendas for all official meetings, including department committees, faculty meetings, council

meetings, university wide meetings.

Schedule Retention Retain one copy in office permanently. Send originals to the archives annually.

Disposition Permanent

Office of Record Any, including intra-office groups.

Schedule Title MSU Publications

Schedule Description These are publications created at MSU including pamphlets, brochures, newsletters, magazines, guide-

books, bulletins, programs, University Catalogs, Course Descriptions, Enrollment Highlights,

announcements, videos, web sites, electronic publications (one-time and serial publications), for on-campus

and off-campus audiences.

Schedule Retention Retain one copy in office of creation permanently. This office should send copies to archives either as

published or on an annual basis. The University Archives is capturing most web sites within the msu.edu domain and identified MSU related external sites. Offices should inform the University Archives before

retiring old websites and when creating new web sites.

Disposition Permanent

Office of Record Any **Schedule Title** Policy and Procedure Statements These are official statements issued by university offices used as guidelines for conducting university **Schedule Description** business. **Schedule Retention** Retain one copy in office, replace when superseded. Send one copy to the archives as soon as it is issued. **Disposition** Permanent Office of Record Any **Schedule Title** Reports - Annual/Summary **Schedule Description** Retain one copy permanently in the office of creation and send original to the archives. **Schedule Retention Disposition** Permanent Office of Record Any **Schedule Title** Reports - Periodic **Schedule Description** These reports serve as support documents for annual/summary reports. Retain for 1 year, until annual report is created. If no annual report is produced, keep 1 copy of periodic **Schedule Retention** report in office permanently and send original to archives. **Disposition** 1 year (conditionally)

Office of Record Any

Schedule Title Reports - Special Studies

Schedule Description These are special reports about the department's activities, organization, or programs.

Schedule Retention Keep one copy in office of creation as needed and send original to the archives for permanent retention.

Disposition Retain as needed in office/Permanent.

Office of Record Any

Schedule Title Speeches/Presentations (by administrative heads)

Schedule Description This is the final, official version of the speech or presentation that is filed with the department records.

Working copies, hand-written notes, and drafts should be filed with the personal papers of the presenter.

Schedule Retention Retain one copy in office of creation permanently. Send one copy the archives for permanent retention.

Disposition Permanent

Office of Record Any Schedule Title Recorded Performances and Events

Schedule Description There are recorded versions of performances, or events done at MSU or by a MSU unit.

Schedule Retention Retain the master copy of the recorded performance (audio, video, film, digital) AND make a reference

copy for general viewing. If the original is in a broadcast or non-standard version, contact the archives for

format requirement for the reference copy.

Disposition Permanent

Office of Record Any