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Position Paper - Forwarding email to non-Stanford accounts

Position Title	
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Problem Statements

1. Configuring Stanford email accounts to auto-forward to non-Stanford email systems may expose the University to substantial regulatory compliance penalties (as those services are not under contract with Stanford).

2. Those who interface with Stanford personnel via email expect to see stanford.edu email addresses. Anything else triggers justifiable scepticism as to the authenticity of the sender.

3. Misdirected messages that go outside of the Stanford email system have no chance of being retracted.

ISO Position

Stanford email accounts should not be configured to forward messages to non-Stanford email accounts.