How long do I keep this stuff?

*DalCLASS can help with that!*
What we will go over

• Records management resources
• When to get rid of what & why
• How to navigate DalCLASS to figure out what to keep &
• Next steps
Records Management Resources

Records Management Office

RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE
Welcome to Dalhousie Records Management!

This website will provide you with tools and advice on how to manage administrative records of Dalhousie University. The University Records Management Policy was approved by Dalhousie President Richard Florizone on November 29, 2016. This policy outlines the responsibility of all Dalhousie staff in relation to the management of administrative records created on behalf of the University.

Website > Resources

- DalCLASS
- Guidelines
- Procures

- Q&A
- Glossary
- Training session slides & videos
Figuring out what to keep

Duplicate

vs

Transitory

vs

a Record

What is a Record?

A record is evidence of a business transaction regardless of format.
Questions
What to get rid of and why

1. Know what your units primary functions are
   • What ‘records’ are unique to your units functions
   • Are not retained anywhere else at Dal.

2. Know what Dal services your unit uses
   • This helps identify when you are a secondary office

3. Access to Records
DalCLASS – What is it?

It is:

• NOT a database

• A tool that helps you know how long to retain information & what to do with it when you no longer need it

• Organized by primary business functions that identify University administrative records

• Approved by the University Records Committee as outlined in the Records Management Policy (section D.1.)
DalCLASS - Navigation

• Go to the Records Management Resources page >
DalCLASS – Navigation con.

Functional sections:

- AD Administration
- CS Campus Services
- ER External Relations and Communications
- FP Facilities and Property
- FN Finance
- GV Governance
- HL Health and Safety
- HR Human Resources
- IM Information Management and Technology
- RS Research
- ST Students
- TL Teaching and Learning

Before we walk through DalCLASS….
Questions
Practice

We will now go over how to use DalCLASS

There will be 3 practice runs:
1. An Invoice
2. Records created for a competition case file
3. And what to do with meeting minutes

Please go to DalCLASS now open the webpage – Link in Chat.
Practice 1 - Invoices

You have an invoice that you have sent to Financial Services for processing – Now what do you do with it?
Practice 1 – Invoices con.

You have an invoice that you have sent to Financial Services for processing – Now what do you do with it?

• Go to DalCLASS
• It is a financial function

What do main category do you choose?

FN Finance
Practice 1 – Invoices con.

You have an invoice that you have sent to Financial Services for processing – Now what do you do with it?

You know it is financial function so click on ‘FN Finance’

• Use the Quick Search bar and type - ‘invoice’
You have an invoice that you have sent to Financial Services for processing – Now what do you do with it?

3 options come up:

1. FN10 - Financial Transactions - Processed Centrally
2. FN11 - Financial Transactions – Unit
3. FP31 - Capital Projects

Hint – you have sent it to Financial Services for Processing and Your Unit is consider the ‘Secondary Office.’

What do you think is the best choice?
Practice 1 – Invoices con.

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FN10 - Financial Transactions - Processed Centrally
Practice 1 - Invoices

You have an invoice that you have sent to Financial Services for processing – Now what do you do with it?

According to DalCLASS – FN10 how long is that invoice required to be kept?

1 Fiscal Year then 2 additional Fiscal Years = 3 Fiscal Years in total

Then it can be securely destroyed

Then what? We will get to this later
Questions
Practice 2 - Hiring a student

• Job posted Aug. 1, 2018
• Resumes
• Notes
• Interview questions
• Interview answers and scoring
• References
• Corresponded with HR about successful candidate and offer
• Student started in position Sept. 1, 2018

What DalCLASS Number would you use?
Practice 2 – Hiring a Student con.

Things to think about:

- What function does this sit under?
- What DalCLASS number best represents it?
- Is your Unit the Primary or Secondary office?
- When is it no longer required?
- How long is it kept for?
- When can it be gotten rid of?
- Identify Duplicates & Transitory
Practice 2 – Hiring a Student con.

• What function does this sit under?
  • HR Human Resources

• What DalCLASS best represent it?
  • HR72 - Competition Case Files - Students

• Is your unit the Primary or Secondary office?
  • These documents do not sit anywhere else on campus – so your unit is the Primary Office

• When is it no longer required?
  • After Sept 1, 2018
Practice 2 – Hiring a Student con.

• How long is it kept for?
  • 2 Calendar Years
    1. Retained for the current Calendar Year - Dec 31st, 2018
    2. Then kept for 1 additional Calendar Year

• When can it be gotten rid of?
  1. Can be Securely Destroyed after Dec 31st, 2019

• Duplicates & Transitory
  • These can be securely destroyed when no longer required, but not kept longer than the Primary Office records
Practice 2 – Hiring a Student con.

• Now what?
  • Complete Records Management Documentation
  • Identify records for disposition,
  • Have the records authorized to be dispositioned

For more details see:

Records Management Resources Page > Procedures >
Preparing Records for Storage and Disposition
Questions
Practice 3 – Meetings Minutes

Minutes from meetings

• Click on ‘browse the whole DalCLASS database’

   Tip: Find at bottom
   of DalCLASS Main page

   browse the whole DalCLASS database
Practice 3 – Meetings Minutes con.

1. Search ‘Minutes’
   
   17 options come up

2. Scroll through and pick what functional area fits the type of meeting.

Examples:

   AD30 – Meetings (Staff)
   
   Or
   
   GV12 – Institutional Meetings
Records Management Processes

**Policy requirement** – All University Administrative Records designated for disposal are subject to review and selection by the University Archives for long-term preservation. (*section D.5.*)

With the program so new and the majority of **DalCLASS** in draft – this ensures that any records that have historical value are identified for transfer to the University Archives.
The End

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