FERPA . . .

December 2011 Changes to the Regulations
Recent Changes to FERPA

- Released in December 2011
- Primarily focused on enabling sharing of student education records without consent to state agencies in order to facilitate the creation of longitudinal data systems
2011 Changes to FERPA

- Gives institutions more latitude to release education records without student consent to state agencies for purposes of evaluating and tracking student progress and success
  - Institution must keep record of disclosure
- Permits state agencies to re-disclose education records for purposes of research studies designed to improve instruction
  - Re-disclosure may be made over the objection of the institution
  - Requires written agreement
  - Results may only be published at aggregate level
2011 Changes to FERPA

- Permits state agencies to re-disclose education records to “authorized representatives” for purposes of audit, evaluation or compliance
  - Requires written agreement
- Researchers and contractors must now destroy data after agreement ends – can no longer simply return it to the institution
- Broader definition of “Education programs” covered by FERPA
2011 Changes to FERPA

- Students may not use a directory block to refuse to wear or present a student ID card or badge
- Permits institutions to create policies limiting release of directory information
  - Must be covered in annual notice to students
Resources

Registrar’s Office web site:

- Confidentiality/FERPA link
- Faculty and FERPA brochure
- FERPA tutorial