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UNI Announces Gmail for Students, Faculty, and Staff

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UNI CIO Shashi Kaparthy is pleased to announce that UNI will be moving all students, faculty, and staff to UNI Gmail and Google Applications for Education (Google Apps) during the fall of 2011. This change offers UNI a comprehensive and evolving set of collaboration and communication tools that enhance both instruction and campus operations. UNI Gmail and Google Apps provides quality applications and increased storage capabilities at a fraction of the cost the University would have incurred otherwise. This fall ITS will focus on migrating all users from the current UNI Email system to UNI Gmail. Other features of Google Apps will be enabled and promoted throughout the year.

In April of 2011, ITS started creating UNI Gmail accounts for all incoming students. In June, the process of migrating current students began and as of the start of the fall semester we now have 7,000 student users of UNI Gmail. We plan to complete the student migration to UNI Gmail by October 1st 2011.

Faculty and staff migration is scheduled to begin on September 6th, 2011. This will be an opt-in migration coordinated by college and divisional technology staff. On November 14th, 2011 all remaining accounts will be migrated to UNI Gmail so that the existing UNI Email system can be retired on December 1st, 2011.

Time table for student, faculty, and staff migration

Aug. 12, 2011 Students enrolled for Fall 2011 encouraged to initiate migration.

Sept. 6, 2011 College and Divisional technical staff will begin coordinating faculty/staff email migration. This process is intended to be completed in two months.

Sept. 30, 2011 Last day for students to initiate migration.

Oct. 1, 2011 ITS will migrate all remaining student accounts.

Nov. 7, 2011 ITS will start the migration of departmental and other non-user email accounts.

Nov. 14, 2011 ITS will migrate all user accounts that have not voluntarily moved.

Nov. 29, 2011 Current UNI Email system (Collab Suite) will no longer send or receive email. All email will be processed through UNI Gmail.

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