

**RESOLUTION 02/11/14**

**COMMENDATION TO  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

- BY:** Faculty Senate Committee on Technology Chair, Donald P Crawford
- WHEREAS,** Information Technology Services works to provide Kansas State University with an enterprise email and calendar system;
- WHEREAS,** The Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Vice Provost for Information Technology Services, Ken Stafford, tasked a committee of faculty, students and staff to provide a recommendation for alternatives to the Zimbra email service and Merit sourcing solution;
- WHEREAS,** The CIO received a committee final report in December 2012 summarizing strengths and weaknesses of various solutions including Google Apps for Education and Microsoft Office 365; and
- WHEREAS,** The decision to move to Office 365 was announced in March 2013;
- WHEREAS,** An Implementation Team and a Steering Committee were formed with members from the offices of Information Security Compliance, Mediated Education, Enterprise Server Technologies, Information Technology Assistance Center, and Computing and Telecommunications Services, the colleges of Business Administration, Architecture, Planning and Design, and Human Ecology, and the Student Government Association;
- WHEREAS,** Beginning in August 2013, approximately 30,000 student email accounts transitioned to Office 365; and
- WHEREAS,** K-State Libraries and select IT staff across campus were moved to the Office 365 production environment to began final pilot testing in October 2013; and
- WHEREAS,** Remaining faculty, staff, and student employees transitioned January 2014 for a total migration of 57,000 accounts.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- SECTION 1.** The Kansas State University Faculty Senate commends Information Technology Services for the comprehensive effort, dedication to service, and commitment to excellence demonstrated by the migration from Zimbra to the successful deployment of Office 365.
- SECTION 2.** Upon passage by the Faculty Senate and signature of the Faculty Senate President, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to University President Kirk Schulz, Provost and Senior Vice President April Mason, Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students Pat Bosco, and the Chief Information Officer and Vice Provost for Information Technology Services Ken Stafford.

Attest:  \_\_\_\_\_  
(Senate President)

Date: 2/11/14