Changes to Email Service

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Email current state... the short story

- 60-day transition period after separation of employment
- Retiree email for life supported on Office 365
- Two primary domains
 - @arizona.edu for faculty, staff and DCCs
 - @email.arizona.edu for students
- No clear documented guidelines for use
- One-off exceptions made for those that 'yell the loudest' or 'know someone'



Why make changes to email service?

- Improve equity through consistent, documented practices for who has access to services
- Reduce time spent on compliance related risk management to free up time to support the University's mission
- Reduce costs for supporting low usage services to create capacity for innovation
- Simplify single sign-on to remove administrative overhead
- Improve ease and simplicity of collaborating



Developing the proposal

- Collaborative UTIS, HR, Faculty Affairs, shared governance, OGC
- Data informed
- Philosophy of equity in treatment of faculty and staff
- Retain current commitment of 'email for life' for retirees
- No impact on emeritus faculty





Proposed changes

Proposed change	Rationale
Move to opt-in for all retiree email, and transition to Gmail	 Maintains service for 28% of retiree population that uses email Mitigates risk and reduces compliance oversight Reduces costs of providing email for life
Deprovision access to email upon separation for all other separation types	 Aligns to standard industry practice Mitigates risk and reduces compliance oversight
Use @arizona.edu as official University email domain for everyone	 Simplifies SSO and collaboration Eliminates technical customizations associated with multiple domains Expresses a more unified branding.





Timeline & Communications Plan

Communications and support

Audiences

- All faculty, staff, and DCCs
- Retirees
- Academic leadership
- Human Resources
- Supervisors
- IT leaders

Support

- FAQs and 'how to' documentation
- 24/7 support
- Monthly HR supervisor meetings
- Pre-retirement workshops
- Departmental IT teams



Key messages

- Use of email for official business
- Loss of access to content upon separation
- Guidance for use for personal purposes
- Guidance for managing shared documentation