Technology Coordinators:

I would like to clarify the status of the Google@UH project. Information Technology Services (ITS) has indeed created a service that allows individual @hawaii.edu email users to migrate to the Google Apps for Education environment. You can learn more about the beta testing at http://www.hawaii.edu/google/.

We are recommending that Google@UH replace the current legacy email environment since it provides a vastly superior service with a substantial cost savings (free) in what is a particularly challenging budgetary environment. We have also noted that thousands of current @hawaii.edu email users already forward their email to Google's Gmail service, and these individuals can immediately benefit from the improved integration offered by Google@UH.

However, there is no current plan or directive for a mandatory migration of all @hawaii.edu users to Google@UH. We will be consulting on this with all 10 UH Campus Faculty Senates, as requested by the All Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs.

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Related URLs:

UH Google@UH Information: <u>http://www.hawaii.edu/google</u> Google Apps for Education: <u>http://www.google.com/a/help/intl/en/edu/university.html</u>