

**University of Colorado Student Government
Legislative Council**

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A Bill to Announce the Selection of a New Email System for All CU-Students. This bill would also repeal 70 LCB6 Email and update the student opinion on email system.

Bill History

Since 2007, all University of Colorado at Boulder students had been provided email service through a provider called CULink. The primary means of student access is through a web based user interface. A portion of the technology fee subsidized CULink. Originally, student fees paid for 1) hardware: the initial purchase, renewal, and replacement of 7 mail servers, 14 web front end/mail routing servers and two large back-end storage devices, 2) ongoing support and maintenance of all of the hardware, 3) software licenses for the Mirapoint CULink solution, and 4) staff to operate and maintain the solution. Students are still using CULink as their official university emailing system.

In 2009, UCSU Legislative Council passed a bill in support of Microsoft becoming the new official email service provider for the University of Colorado at Boulder. Although the bill was passed, actions to transition students to Microsoft were never completed. Since then, research was conducted by CUSG, OIT, and UGGS members on preferred emailing system through a survey of the student body. Results showed an overwhelming support for the email system to be provided by Gmail rather than CULink, Microsoft, or any other provider. Specifically, the survey results showed that 54% of students strongly supported a move to Google. After discussing the issue with OIT and with support from those survey results, UGGS and CUSG, Legislative Council is recommending that Google Apps for Education (Gmail) shall be the new email service provider for all students at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Bill Summary

This bill will serve to repeal 70 LCB6 EMAIL and act as official notification of the CU Student Government's support for Google Apps for Education (Gmail) to become the

new official email service provider for all students at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Whereas: OIT will be selecting a new emailing system before the end of the year and students should have a system that reflects their wants and needs.

Whereas: A committee of representatives from UGGS, CUSG, and OIT took into account the current email system, the needs of current and future students, and the services provided.

Whereas: Colorado is one of three states that officially approved the use of Gmail for official business at a state level and this switch would only echo that decision.

Whereas: A transition to a Gmail emailing system and a repeal of 70 LCB6 EMAIL would reflect the needs and wants of the majority of students in an emailing system.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1: The CU Student Government Legislative Council hereby repeals 70 LCB6 EMAIL and supports the transition from CULink to Gmail emailing services as determined by the committee and the student email survey.

Section 2: The CU Student Government will be charged with relaying student and CUSG opinion in the transition to a new emailing system.

Section 3: The Executives or their staff will report on the transition plan to Legislative Council upon completion and the notification of completion by OIT.

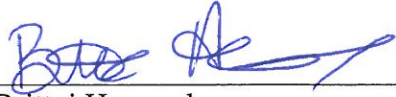
Section 4: This bill shall take effect upon passage by the Legislative Council and upon either obtaining the signatures of two Executives or the lapse of six days without action by the Executives.

Vote Count

05/24/2012
06/07/2012

Passed on 1st reading
Passed on 2nd reading

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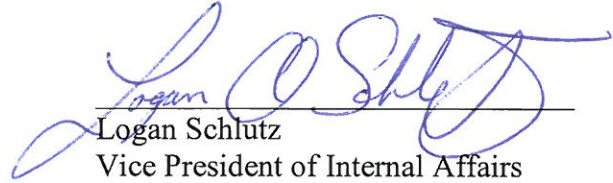
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