



Proposal to Preserve University Email Accounts for Retired but Academically Active Professors

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Dear University Executive,

June 25, 2026

We are writing to propose a revision of the university's policy regarding the deletion of institutional email accounts upon retirement of faculty members who remain academically active.

Many retired professors continue to contribute significantly to the university and the broader academic community through research, publication, supervision of graduate students, participation in projects, collaboration with colleagues, conference activities, peer review, mentoring, and representation of the institution in scholarly networks. For these individuals, the university email address is more than a communication tool; it is an established professional identity built over decades of academic work.

The automatic deletion of university email accounts after retirement can have several negative consequences:

1. *Disruption of Academic Activities*
Ongoing research collaborations, editorial responsibilities, project

communications, and student interactions may be interrupted when a long-standing email address is deactivated.

2. *Loss of Professional Visibility and Reputation*

University email addresses appear in publications, research databases, conference proceedings, grant applications, and professional directories. Their removal can create confusion and reduce the visibility of both the scholar and the institution.

3. *Reduced Engagement of Emeritus and Retired Faculty*

Retired professors often continue to contribute valuable expertise, mentorship, and institutional memory. Maintaining communication channels encourages their continued involvement.

4. *Institutional Benefit*

Active retired faculty continue to publish, collaborate internationally, and receive recognition that reflects positively on the university. Preserving their university affiliation strengthens the institution's academic profile.

5. *Minimal Administrative Cost*

Modern email systems generally allow the maintenance of email accounts at relatively low cost, especially when compared with the benefits of retaining connections with distinguished scholars.

Accordingly, we propose that the university adopt a policy whereby retired professors who remain academically active may retain their university email accounts, subject to reasonable conditions such as:

- Emeritus status or documented ongoing academic activity;
- Compliance with university information security policies;
- Periodic confirmation of continued use (for example, every two or three years);
- Conversion to a designated "emeritus" or "retired faculty" account category if necessary for administrative purposes.

Such a policy would recognize the continuing contributions of retired faculty, strengthen institutional continuity, and support the university's mission of scholarship, research, and public service. We respectfully request that the administration consider this proposal and initiate a review of the current policy regarding email account retention for retired faculty members.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Members, [Professors Emeriti Network](#)

Members, [Retired Professors Associations Network](#)

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