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Subject: Post-Retirement Access to University eTechnology

Dear Members of the University Administration,

We are writing to propose a policy that would allow professors, upon retirement, to retain access to university eTechnology resources under conditions similar to those granted to professors emeriti, should they wish to do so.

Rationale

Retired professors often remain intellectually active and continue to contribute to academic life through research, mentorship, publication, and participation in scholarly communities. Continued access to university eTechnology—such as institutional email, digital libraries, research databases, and online collaboration tools—would enable them to sustain these contributions effectively.

Currently, such access is typically reserved for those granted emeritus status, which is often limited in number and awarded selectively. Extending similar privileges more broadly, on an opt-in basis, would recognize the ongoing value of retired faculty members and support their continued engagement with the university.

Benefits

1. *Sustained Academic Contribution*
Retired professors can continue publishing, collaborating, and representing the university in academic forums.
2. *Mentorship and Institutional Memory*
They can remain accessible to junior faculty and students, offering guidance and preserving institutional knowledge.
3. *Enhanced Reputation*
Continued scholarly output affiliated with the university strengthens its academic standing.
4. *Minimal Additional Cost*
Providing access to existing digital infrastructure typically incurs low marginal costs, especially when limited to essential services.

Proposed Policy

- Retired professors may request continued access to university eTechnology services on a voluntary basis.
- Access granted would mirror that of professors emeriti in scope (e.g., email, library databases, online platforms).
- The university may establish reasonable guidelines regarding duration, acceptable use, and periodic review.
- Participation would not imply employment status or additional financial obligations.

Conclusion

This proposal aims to foster a more inclusive and supportive academic environment by enabling retired professors to remain connected and productive members of the university community. We respectfully encourage the administration to consider adopting this policy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Members, [Professors Emeriti Network](#)

Members, [Retired Professors Associations Network](#)

*The source of innovation lies in the discovery of problems.
Solving a problem starts by asking the right question (problem identification).
Problems in the modern world cannot be efficiently and effectively detected without
the use of information technology.*

Videos of the network's Zoom meetings are posted on the
[Emeriti Network YouTube](#) channel



*Universities should provide the use of a university email account
to all active retired professors
so they can stay connected to academic networks*

Retention of University Email Accounts for Retired Professors

Zoom meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 17:00 – 19:00 CET

[Emeriti Meeting Registered Participants 15.04.2026](#)

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