



Retired Professors Associations Network

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Re. Associations Provision of email accounts for retirees
Example University of Manitoba

Dear Retired Professors Associations Network Member,

The website Retired Professors Associations Network publishes messages about how some universities ensure that their professors who wish to remain active retain a university email account upon retirement. We invite you to take a look at the message from the University of Manitoba, Canada:

[Associations Provision of email accounts for University of Manitoba retirees. April 24, 2026.](#)

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If retired professors at your university maintain a university email account, we encourage you to send a message so we can post it. This will encourage retired professors who have had their university email accounts terminated to suggest to the university administration that they, following the example of other universities, consider changing the harmful and unfair practice.

When we examine the websites of universities around the world, we find that a few things stand out.

Many universities do not publish any information about the use of university eTechnology after retirement. We receive messages about how professors are surprised when they learn what the consequences of losing their university email accounts are. They are outraged, but as unorganized individuals they cannot do anything, since they are excluded from university mechanisms. Insulted, they give in to the realization that this is how it "has to be".

Universities cite high costs as the reason for canceling university email accounts. Interestingly, this is emphasized by representatives of IT departments. However, data on actual costs are not published. University administration agrees with their warnings, except that they have an argument that no one really understands, but everyone thinks is "a good one". It is reasonable to ask how much the university saves by canceling the account of one retired professor. The savings are likely small.

Some universities cite security as a reason for terminating accounts. Research shows that retired professors do not threaten the security of the university system.

It seems that the problem of terminating university email accounts is large and growing in an increasingly digitalized society. By terminating accounts, universities are harming retired professors and society as a whole, as well as themselves. However, a university is supposed to be an example of the accelerated use of eTechnologies, which is becoming especially relevant in the context of the increasingly widespread use of artificial intelligence tools.

Your cooperation in solving the problem of many retired professors will be beneficial.

With best regards, Jože Gričar

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CC:

Members, [Professors Emeriti Network](#)