Lotus Sundown Schedule

The migration of faculty, staff, and students from Lotus Notes to iSpartan continues. (iSpartan is UNCG’s implementation of Google Apps for Education.) All active personal and non-personal accounts are expected to be fully migrated to the new iSpartan email environment by the end of December 2010.

During the remainder of the 2010 – 2011 fiscal year, mail archives and Lotus applications will be migrated to iSpartan. Once this work completes in the summer of 2011, Lotus systems will be turned off. This means

- all email services will be offered exclusively from the iSpartan environment (forwarding from iSpartan to an external account is available)
- the campus Lotus license will not be renewed for 2011 – 2012
- the enterprise servers and storage currently utilized to support Lotus will be repurposed in fall 2011

Between now and fall 2011, ITS does not plan to upgrade or patch the Lotus environment. ITS support for Lotus will end in October 2011.

For more information on these efforts see:

- AD/GCN project Web site: (http://its.uncg.edu/Projects/AD/)
- iSpartan support site: (http://its.uncg.edu/ispartan)

Novell Sundown Schedule

Migration of UNCG faculty, staff and students into the new Active Directory computing environment is currently in progress, with multiple University departments moving each week. The project is expected to complete in summer 2011. Once the campus has finished transitioning into the new AD/GCN environment, the Novell systems will be turned off. This means

- enterprise desktop technology services offered today in the public Novell environment will only be available in the new private Active Directory (AD/GCN) environment (these include network file space, department and home directories, network application delivery and network printing services)
- services offered in the public network that remains (without Novell) will be limited to authentication and internet access (similar to home broadband internet access service)
- the campus Novell license will not be renewed for 2011 – 2012
- the enterprise servers and storage currently utilized to support Novell will be re-purposed in fall 2011

Between now and fall 2011, ITS does not plan to upgrade or patch the current Novell environment. Please be mindful as you make new purchases that products must be compatible with UNCG’s currently installed version of Novell (6.5 Sp8) or with the new Active Directory environment. If you rely on the campus Novell licensing agreement for departmental purchases, please be aware that this agreement will no longer be available beginning summer 2011. ITS support for the Novell platform will end in fall 2011.

Schedule for Phasing Out Novell and Lotus Services at UNCG

In 2006-07, as part of the UNC System’s PACE efficiency/effectiveness initiative, ITS identified a number of actions to promote cost effectiveness and efficiency of University-wide technology services. Among them were

- transition of enterprise file, application delivery, and print services into a single Microsoft Active Directory campus computing environment, replacing the Novell system (originally installed at UNCG in 1985) to reduce the number of operating systems UNCG has to pay for and support
- outsourcing faculty/staff and student email to Google to reduce the amount of email hardware, software and staff support costs while also improving the student email use experience

Any campus-wide transition involves short-term costs and requires the campus to learn new processes, but ITS believed that these initiatives would produce a more sustainable environment, long-term. The Novell phase-out is only part of a larger implementation of Active Directory/General Computing Network. Projected savings for Novell and Lotus will reduce the licensing costs paid by the institutional maintenance account. The ITS portion of savings already has been recorded as part of State budget cuts.