WHEREAS the UAA faculty and staff have been migrated from a Microsoft Exchange server to the Gmail system in August 2016, shortly before the start of the Fall 2016 semester, and

WHEREAS the Gmail email system is proving difficult to use, causing hours of wasted time in any given day, causing lost email messages, lacking address books, lacking connectivity to the voicemail system, and generally impeding faculty in their ability to communicate with students, staff and colleagues at a time when such communication is particularly critical at the beginning of the semester and

WHEREAS the Exchange server is still operating for receiving mail, is up to date, but only lacks the ability to send mail and

WHEREAS the cost reduction benefits of the conversion to Gmail have not been demonstrated or even estimated, while the costs in human time wasted, lost information and unnecessary frustration are widely apparent

THEREFORE the UAA Faculty Senate resolves that UA/UAA ITS re-enable the Exchange server’s ability to send messages, to allow faculty and staff access to the familiar and user friendly Exchange email system until the Gmail system is debugged and updated to provide comparable functionality