

**RESOLUTION 0022**

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**

**University of Pittsburgh**

**10 September 2013**

**Introduced by President Gordon Louderback**

**Co-sponsored by Judicial Chair Joseph Kozak and Board Members Charles Bonge, Amelia Brause, John Cordier, Thomas Jabro, Michael Nites, David Rosenthal, Sowmya Sanapala, and Sarah Winston**

**WHEREAS,** It is incumbent upon the Student Government Board (SGB) of the University of Pittsburgh to advocate for the most efficient and useful practices for our fellow students.

**WHEREAS,** The Student Government Board recognizes that Google Apps for Education is a more efficient, cost effective, and user friendly option than the current University email platform.

**WHEREAS,** 72 of the top 100 U.S. Universities ranked by U.S. News and World Report already offer this service to their students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

**WHEREAS,** Google Apps for Education will provide a better outlet for student-to-student, student-to-faculty, and student-to-staff collaboration via the assortment of Google applications.

**WHEREAS,** Google Apps for Education will be a free service for the University of Pittsburgh that will reduce IT costs significantly.

**WHEREAS,** Pursuing a more clean and sustainable campus is a University of Pittsburgh initiative and using Google's carbon-neutral data centers and an estimated 80 times more energy efficient system will reduce the University's environmental impact.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year 2013, the Student Government Board of the University of Pittsburgh hereby recommends that the University of Pittsburgh pursues Google's Gmail platform, as well as the other features that are included in the Google Apps for Education package, as the primary email and collaboration system for the institution.