

## Objective

- Original objective was to consolidate email
- It has become to have one shared communication ecosystem for NMT
  - Email
  - Group Calendaring
  - Online, collaboration-capable functionality (including videoconferencing, word processing, spreadsheets)
  - Standardized spam/malware filtering
  - Mail archiving (where required)
  - File storage
  - Web site hosting
- Supported by multiple platforms
  - Broad browser support
  - Mobile device support
- Ability to integrate with a broad diversity of platforms
  - Integration with Canvas Learning Management System

The search has narrowed to two vendor offerings

The purpose of this presentation is to present the challenge and establish a process that will yield a faculty opinion on a direction.

In brief, the evaluation group feels that the "base features", (cost, storage, interface, etc.) are largely comparable. Differentiation exists within the specific needs of various groups.

The following table represents a summary of critical features

Specific deficiencies and positive attributes have been identified. They include:

- Lack of tablet application for Microsoft
- Lack of equation editor in MS365 cloud app (available in MS Office)
- 5 licenses of MS office for personal use by students in MS365
- More functionality in MS Excel vs. Google Calc is debatable
- More functionality in MS Word vs. Google Docs is debatable
- Guaranteed US hosting for MS365
- Diversified hosting of mail. Local user vs. hosted user for MS365
- Canvas needs Google apps for collaborative sessions
  - Google offers free video conferencing
- Google scans email for keywords to provide ad content

Helpful link prepared by UC Berkeley that compares MS 365 and Google Apps:

<http://bconnected-project.berkeley.edu/about/email-calendar-platform-comparison>