**2015-2016 Items from IT Liaisons/Tech Professionals impacting Staff**

**Windows 10** – Is currently being installed as the default operating system on desktop supported PCs. If you have software specific to the work that you do and you are looking to replace your computer or upgrade, you should verify that all software on your machine is compatible with Windows 10.

**Office 2016 (32 bit)** – Is currently being installed as the default Office version on desktop supported PCs. As a staff member, you can also install Office 2016 through your Office 365 account on up to 5 personal devices for free (contingent on continued employment with NDSU). You still have the option to purchase a single Office 2016 license for $10.

**Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Certifications**- Jointly funded by the student tech fee and a contribution from Staff Senate, these certifications are scheduled to resume Fall 2016 pending availability of the MOS 2016 practice exams and official certification exams. Matt Chaussee will be working with the TLMC to coordinate workshops and certification testing.

**STEM Building** – The STEM building came online in the Spring of 2016. All classrooms and labs in the building are flexible learning spaces that can accommodate a wide variety of classes. If Exec committee is interested, I could work on arranging a tour with Mike Ellingson. We could also look at doing a tour as a program for an upcoming Staff Senate meeting.

**Google Apps** – All employees now have NDSU managed organizational Google accounts where they can access Google Drive, Google Sites and YouTube. For more information, visit
https://www.ndsu.edu/its/help_desk/collaboration_and_storage/google_drive/

**OneDrive** – This is part of the services integrated into Office 365. OneDrive allows individuals to access files from anywhere they have an internet connection, collaborate and share documents and edit documents through the online Office tools (on both PC and Mac, regardless of whether Office is installed).  For more information, visit
https://www.ndsu.edu/its/help_desk/collaboration_and_storage/onedrive_for_business/

**PowerBI** – This is another part of the services integrated into Office 365. PowerBI allows individuals to create data visualizations and dashboards that can be shared with select groups or made publicly available. There is also a powerful set of data transformation tools available within Excel that assist in generating data that can be readily visualized by Power BI. For more information, visit
https://powerbi.microsoft.com/en-us/

**Secure File Transfer** – IT is working on developing a method for secure file transfer for third parties that need to communicate sensitive and confidential information with NDSU departments. This feature is going to be tested in the coming weeks and should be available by Summer.

**Retiring domains** – The www.ndsu.nodak.edu domain is going to be retired. Individuals charged with maintaining departmental web content should review their sites to make sure no external links direct visitors to that URL.