

Motion regarding the new spam filter:

Whereas AIT initiated spam filtering for all Iowa State University email on October 1, with the approach being to rate each message on a number of features commonly associated with spam and altering the message's subject line to reflect that rating,

Whereas the method currently implemented erroneously flags very large numbers of legitimate messages, while also missing a substantial fraction of actual spam emails,

Whereas this results in confusion for the users, the potential to erase legitimate mail and the need to manually clean up many messages before they can be forwarded,

The Faculty Senate recommends that the current spam filtering method be stopped as soon as feasible. It should either be replaced by a system that used a more effective rating algorithm, or one in which the flagging of suspicious email can be configured by the individual email user.