The Chrome Universalization Bill

“A bill requesting that Google Chrome be installed and set as default search browser on all computers on campus running Windows Operating System (OS).”

Whereas(1): Google is a world leader in creating easy to use, powerful, secure, fast and efficient web-based solutions that are free to download and use; and

Whereas(2): As of June 2014, Texas A&M has adopted Gmail as the official email system for all students and faculty as well as Google Calendar, Google Drive, Google Groups, Google Sites and Google Talk, to the delight of students, faculty and staff; and

Whereas(3): Internet Explorer (IE), often the default and sometimes the only browser installed on campus computers, is slow, difficult to use and ultimately incompatible with many modern websites; and

Whereas(4): Google Chrome is a completely free, easy and quick to download alternative to IE that offers increased compatibility with Google Mail and Google Drive in addition to increased speed and functionality among other benefits; and

Whereas(5): Google Chrome is almost universally preferred over alternative browsers and must not present a security risk as it is already available on most OAL computers.
Therefore
Let it be
Enacted(1): That all responsible Internet Technology (IT) departments ensure Google Chrome is downloaded, installed and set as the default internet browser on all on-campus computers which are Windows OS based and for student use; and

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Let it be
Enacted(2): This legislation, upon passage, should be sent to the following administrators:

Scott Honea – Interim Associate Vice President for IT and CIO
Cheryl Cato – Chief Technology Officer
Pete Marchbanks, Jr. – Executive Director – Deputy Chief Information Officer
Dr. Karan Watson – Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Arn Kenimer – Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies