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As you may be aware, the University conference bridge service was created 25 years ago to provide faculty, staff, and students a means of using designated phone numbers to host conference calls with three or more callers.

With advances in secure conferencing-related technologies, the use of the legacy service has become obsolete and must be replaced. Northwestern University Information Technology (NUIT) will retire Northwestern’s conference bridge service on February 15, 2011.

Members of the University can continue to self-initiate secure conference calls from on or off campus using alternative conferencing services already available at Northwestern. These services include no-cost conferencing using a traditional or IP-based phone and a low cost audioconferencing service called, Global Meet®, made available through a Northwestern preferred vendor relationship.

You can view the list of audioconferencing alternatives at <http://www.it.northwestern.edu/telephone/conference.html>.

For more information about the University conference bridge service retirement, visit “What’s New and Changing with Technology @ NU” at <http://www.it.northwestern.edu/transitions/2010/conference-bridge.html>.

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