Question 6.6.5 - How do the faculty workstations support the work of faculty?

All professional education faculty are given one standard system of their choice to be used in their offices for work stations. They can choose either a desktop or laptop, MAC or PC, as their primary system. By giving faculty these choices it ensures that they will have a computer system that they are comfortable with to allow them to succeed as instructors and researchers. All systems have a standard set up image according to ECU ITCS design. Faculty can request to have their systems modified to meet specific needs. The University lifecycle replacement plan allows faculty to replace their systems every four years. If faculty want or need additional technology, they may submit requests to their department leadership.

How do faculty use their workstations?

1. Communication with students
   a. The stations either PC or Mac come with the Microsoft package that has Outlook and Lync. Both of these give the faculty the option to communicate with students and/or other faculty. Outlook is an email system that is used by the university in where the faculty are assigned a unique ID. Students and others can contact the faculty by using this ID and Outlook facilitates it. Lync is an instant messaging system that both faculty and students can use. It allows the two parties to communicate instantly and be able to share data also.

2. Course/Learning Management Systems
   a. The workstation affords the faculty the opportunity to work with East Carolina’s learning management system Blackboard. For more information pertaining to Blackboard please check out East Carolina’s information page:
      i. [http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/facultyorientation/blackboard.cfm](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/facultyorientation/blackboard.cfm)

3. Performance Assessment of Candidates
   a. The workstations also give the faculty access to College of Education’s portfolio system Taskstream. Here is the link to more information about ECU’s use of Taskstream:
      i. [http://www.ecu.edu/cs-educ/TaskStream/index.cfm](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-educ/TaskStream/index.cfm)

4. Program Improvement
   a. TracDat is a data system that can be accessed by faculty for program improvement. Here is the information link:
5. Research and Scholarly Activity
   
a. The stations allow the faculty the chance to conduct research and scholarly activity. One of the most significant resources for faculty is Joyner Library’s website where faculty can find and access electronic resources and databases. Here is the library website:

   i. [http://www.ecu.edu/lib/](http://www.ecu.edu/lib/)

6. Other ECU supported software downloads
   
a. East Carolina supports many types of free software to faculty to teach, communicate, and conduct research. Here is the webpage that lists and explains supported software:

   i. [http://www.ecu.edu/cs-itcs/Software/index.cfm](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-itcs/Software/index.cfm)