

Minutes from the Student Technology Fee Committee Meeting October 5, 2006

The Student Technology Fee Committee met at 2:30 pm, October 5th in the IT Services conference room.

The committee chair for the year is Chip Matson, Director of I.T. Services. Those attending the meeting included: Mr. Steve White (Media Services – representing Ms. Rose Axton), Ms. Camilla Reid (Reese Library – representing Dr. Bill Nelson), Mr. Bill Gray (Chair of the I.T. Committee), Mr. Chip Matson (I.T. Services), and Dr. Bill Dodd (ex-officio representative of the VPAA's office). Student representatives included Ms. Kristen Pye, Ms. Cryste Pate, Mr. Eric Schirhart, Mr. Zack Moon, and Mr. Daniel Keeton.

After calling the meeting to order and asking everyone to introduce themselves the chair discussed the budget for the year – based on the Budget Office's estimate there should be \$666,000 available. The Budget Office recommends that \$5,000 be reserved for refunds and accounts that are not paid.

The guidelines from the student technology fee website were reviewed. Based on previous agreement by the committee - item (1) Department specific resources (department lab for a specific major) will now be a 'Low Funding Priority' item instead of an 'Excluded from funding' item.
(On 10/6/2006 the website was updated to reflect this change).

There are 75 proposals for funding this year for a total of \$1,480,982. This includes the final \$200,000 payment on the loan for Instructional Technology in University Hall. This is far and away the highest number of proposals we have ever received – including the total dollar amount requested.

The other proposals were reviewed with some discussion.

The ranking process was reviewed as well as the funding priorities from the student technology process plan. The initial ballot to categorize the proposals into high, medium and low funding was passed out. An electronic ballot will be emailed to the committee the next day. Responses are due back to the chair by 4:30 Wednesday, October 11th. The chair will then create a new ballot with the proposals categorized into high, medium and low categories and send it out via email. Committee members will prioritize projects within the three categories for funding. The chair will authorize funding based on these priorities subject to the VPAA's review.

At this time the committee is not planning to meet again. When the spring technology fees are collected the chair will proceed down the list of projects approved by the committee.

A number of issues were raised by committee members:

- 1) Cryste Pate said that the annual reports for the two previous years do not appear to be complete. The chair will follow up with the previous chairs. (An email was sent to them on 10/6)
- 2) A question was raised regarding the results of the student technology survey – this is a University System survey and we should get summary results after everything is compiled – probably 60-90 days from now. Several of the students expressed an interest in the results.
- 3) Kristen Pye reported an issue with wireless access in Allgood Hall. The chair asked her to notify the ITS help desk with specifics.
- 4) Zach Moon asked for access to update the SGA website; the chair will followup with the appropriate staff (an email was sent on 10/6 to Student Activities).
- 5) Daniel Keeton asked about getting a copier in the Science Hall; the chair will followup (an email was sent to Student Activities on 10/6).
- 6) Cryste Pate asked about surplus laptop computers. The chair stated that surplus computers (particularly laptops) are usually of little value due to wear and tear. He will do some investigation into the process to see how they should be handled.

The chair thanked all in attendance for their support and especially the student representatives – **this is the best student turnout the committee has had since it was formed in 2000.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.