Student Technology Fee Committee 2013
Report & Proposals Funded

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Status of the Committee & Fund

The Student Technology Fee Committee (STFC) has, in the course of the past two years, spent less than the entirety of the funds available to it. This rollover from previous years is approximately $94,000 for the 2012-2013 school year. Combined with the projected $1,125,000 to be committed to the fund, the budget for STFC totaled approximately $1,219,000. Negating the $450,000 in annual commitments, the liquid funds available to the committee came to $769,000. There is also a sum of $50,869 for the purposes of funding Sage Hall technology, of which $20,053 was awarded. The total amount allocated to proposed projects came to $627,864 out of the requested $695,638, leaving the fund with a residual sum of $171,952 to be allocated to the STFC for the 2014 sessions.

Proposals Funded

The Committee received 52 proposals for funding for the 2013-2014 school year from a variety of departments. In total, the Committee awarded funds to 40 of the received proposals. What follows is a series of the proposals funded in the order that they were submitted to the Committee for consideration. The title of each proposal is followed by a short summary of the proposal as given to the Committee by the proposers, as well as the amount of funding allotted to the proposal by the Committee.

1. Livescribe Pens
   In 2012, we requested and received funding for 6 LiveScribe smart pens for use/loan to students with language based learning disabilities and/or ADHD. The plan continues to loan the pens to students for a 1-semester trial period after which they must return the pen and, if they wish to continue using the device, purchase their own. Funded: $2,011.

2. Podcast Support
   Server maintenance and microphone upgrades are required to ensure continuation of podcast and lecture capture support. iPod touches will provide easy access for students to recordings made in the classroom, during mock interview practice, and other applications. Funded: $13,487.75.

3. Development of 27 iMac
   This proposal will acquire five 27-inch iMac computers to be deployed in the general purpose labs across campus. This size monitor is useful for students with visual impairments to allow them to enlarge the information on the screen to more easily access information. Funded: $8,940.

4. SRWC Cardio Area Televisions & Mounting
   We are requesting funding for 4 of the 8 televisions in the main cardio work-out area of the SRWC. They have reached the end of their useful life, as the picture has already failed in 4 of the units (original equipment from 2007). Funded: $4,700.

5. Security Cameras
   We would like to add 3 security cameras to the SRWC. Two in the 3 court gym and 1 near the golf simulators. Funded: $1,617.

6. ZoomText Site License
   ZoomText is a software add on that runs in the background on PC computers. The software acts as a high-resolution magnifier of the computer screen and is useful for individuals with visual impairments to better access other applications. Funded: $6,432.
7. **Replacement of Student Kiosk in Financial Aid**
   Replacement of current computers in the front lobby of the Financial Aid Office. Current computers are starting to run more slowly and frustrating students and parents. Funded: $1,872.

8. **Antivirus for Student Use**
   The objective for this proposal is to renew the licensing for Symantec Endpoint Protection 12.1 for all students whether they are on or off campus. The license will provide students with a free solution to protect their personal computers from virus infections. Funded: $13,000.

9. **Digital, Inquiry-Based Proficiency in Earth Science Classes: Integration of iPads into Laboratory Experiences**
   The purchase of iPads that can be checked out by faculty members for lecture and laboratory exercises will allow faculty to include digital, interactive data gathering and analysis practices in our teaching. Funded: $19,291.

10. **Titan Card Reader for Theatre Box Office**
    The Box Office has 3 Ticket Sale windows but only 2 Titan Card Readers. Therefore, the Box Office is not able to accommodate all student patrons. As we have found, since the vast majority of our patrons are students, having only 2 Titan Card Readers tends to disadvantage students in expedient ticket purchasing. Funded: $2,280.

11. **USB Wall Chargers**
    These wall chargers will support the University Studies Program Quest I speaking instructors in recording student speeches, and allowing students to contribute to their ePortfolios work completed in these courses. These are needed for spring/summer professional development for the Communication instructors to begin working with recording materials and uploading to ePortfolios on the 14 new iPod Touches purchased for these courses. Funded: $320.

12. **Large-screen monitors - Visual Impairment Assistance**
    This proposal will acquire nine 30-inch monitors to be deployed in the general purpose labs across campus. Two additional monitors will also be deployed to the UARC advising lab and the SLIC student activities lab. These monitors are useful for students with visual impairments to allow them to enlarge the information on the screen to more easily access information. Funded: $10,790.

13. **Lab Consultants for Polk 101 Reference Lab**
    Lab Consultants in Polk 101 Reference Lab makes it possible for the library to offer assistance during most hours that the library is open. Students who use the computers available in Polk 101 or students who bring their own laptops benefit from the presence of the student consultants. Funded: $28,500.

14. **Site License for Lynda.com**
    Lynda.com is a paid site offering video software tutorials across an array of software titles and subject segments. This proposal would allow the university to make available the entire library of training to our entire student body, as well as staff. Funded: $98,000.

15. **New Library Group Study Room**
    In both of Polk Libraries last two LibQual surveys asking our users about the quality of our services, collections and physical environments, students expressed a need for more group study space. Students need to gather in groups to work on class projects, without disturbing others who are working quietly in the library. Funded: $1,458.

16. **Camera Replacement for Presentations Lab**
    The Presentations Lab currently circulates 10 digital video and 10 digital still cameras. This program has been well received and supports classroom projects and student personal use. Half of the cameras need to be replaced this year. Funded: $4,200.
17. **RefWorks**
There are about 68 Windows applications and 40 Macintosh applications installed on GCA (General Computer Access) lab computers. While faculty are very good about finding free software when they can, there are applications that must be purchased and maintained annually, especially Adobe Creative Suites, iLife, Maple, Minitab, SPSS, Antivirus, Pharos, and Insight. Funded: $14,827.

18. **Academic Search Complete**
Last year a Student Technology Fee grant supported the upgrade from EBSCOHost’s Academic Search Premier to Academic Search Complete. This is by far the most popular academic database that the library provides students. Funded: $11,825.

19. **Computers for OSA**
Due to years of use we have seen a dramatic drop in the number of student senators in our office because the computers are not adequate for the needs of our students. These computers would allow our Office Manager and Speaker of the Assembly to work with student organizations on becoming a university recognized organization by going through the process step-by-step on TitanLink with them. Funded: $3,970.

20. **Computer Replacement and Video Editing Software in Presentations Lab**
We are requesting funds to replace 3 of 10 student workstations in the Preslab, and upgrade the video editing software Final Cut Pro. Funded: $9,680.

21. **Upgrade to Campus Wireless System**
At the end of the 2011 top network usage was measured at 50 Mbps. Network usage has quadrupled to highs of 215 Mbps at the end of 2012. The wireless network is going through growing pains. There are a number of problems identified by the campus IT staff and seen by users of the system. This proposal will attempt to alleviate these problems and help position the campus wireless for future growth. Funded: $120,000.

22. **Public Accessible Scanning Stations in Polk Library**
Scanning and digital photography are rapidly replacing photocopies as students go-to technology for on-demand reproductions of library materials. Increasing in popularity in modern academic libraries are direct-to-USB (or email) scanners that are intuitive and lightning fast. Funded: $16,011.

23. **Flatbed Scanner with Feeder Option**
Most days there is an average of 30 - 50 students in the Center at any one time with higher volume days nearing 50+ students at one time. We do not have a scanner or copier which is vital to most office settings. Funded: $809.07.

24. **DSLR Cameras for Student Circulation**
DSLR cameras are professional grade, high quality imaging cameras, used for both photographic and cinematic applications. We seek to add two to our inventory of cameras available for student checkout. Funded: $11,500.

25. **Photo Quality Large Format Printer**
The purchase of a specialized printer will allow students to produced display quality prints. Funded: $2,000.

26. **Development of export and conversion tool for D2L ePortfolio**
D2L ePortfolio currently offers some limited export functions for its ePortfolio content. We have a prototype tool under development to ensure that students can export an adaptable copy of their content from D2L ePortfolio and into platform(s) of their choosing. Funded: $8,010.

27. **HID iClass Readers for Cash Registers**
I would like to install 5 HID iClass readers on the 5 busiest cash registers in the Reeve Union Marketplace, BxG Grill, and MiTaza. This has the potential to save approximately 500,000 card swipes on those 5 registers each year. The goal is to reduce wear and tear on both the registers and people’s ID cards. Funded: $800.
28. **25 Live Annual Fee**
   In 2012-2013 Student Tech Fee funded Proposal #13, an upgrade to the CollegeNet Schedule25/Resource25 room reservation software system used by Reeve Union and the Registrars office to schedule classrooms and meeting rooms to the newest version called 25Live. Benefits to the upgrade include, easy self-service room availability checks online, web-based software, expandability to other campus departments, automated web calendar publishing, enhanced online room request capability, and more. Funded: $6,853.17.

29. **Counseling Center STF 2013**
   Items are listed in proposal. Keeping in line with University guidelines for computer upgrades so students can have quality products to conduct business in the Counseling Center. By keeping equipment and other items current and up to date requires less maintenance and chance for break down. Funded: $5,439.3.

30. **CampusVision Software Maintenance**
   Reeve Union is requesting funding for one-year Software Maintenance Agreement (SMA) for the CampusVision digital signage system. The SMA provides us with software updates, feature enhancements, bug fixes and priority helpdesk support with the software vendor. This maintenance will cover all eleven Channel Players in our installation and the Content Manager/Server upgrades and support. Funded: $2,707.

31. **Chromebooks for Titan Central**
   Reeve Union is requesting funding to purchase three Samsung Chromebooks for student checkout at Titan Central. Tech Fee has in the past supported the purchase of 10 HP Windows laptops at Titan Central. These laptops are now 4-5 years old and in need of replacement. Funded: $750.

32. **Enhancing Support for Students’ ePortfolio Use**
   We would like to provide dedicated lab support hours for students using D2L ePortfolio. Beginning in Fall 2013 all incoming first year students will be required to develop and maintain an ePortfolio of their work. We have reference resources in place about the D2L ePortfolio tool which students will use and will be developing advocacy resources to promote awareness of those resources. Funded: $42,092.

33. **Titan Card Scanners for Event Attendance Registration**
   Reeve Union is requesting funds to buy three Tyner Mini 400 card readers which student organizations will use to scan Titan Cards at their events in order to take registration. Once the data is scanned for an event, the SLIC Consultants can upload the data to a reporting app on the MyUWO portal which allows for demographic reporting on event attendees as well as upload of attendees into CollegiateLink so that the individual student can receive credit for attending on their co-curricular transcript. Funded: $650.

34. **Kaltura**
   We would like to fund our existing Kaltura pilot program which will be ending this semester. Its a service that provides video for campus and makes it easy for students/instructors to upload video and embed video on a webpage (like Youtube or Vimeo). Funded: $45,000.

35. **Kwikboost Mobile Phone Charging Stations**
   Reeve Union and Polk Library are requesting funding to purchase additional Kwikboost Mobile Phone and tablet charging stations for installation in Polk, Reeve and Blackhawk. Three Kwikboost stations were installed in the Reeve Marketplace for Spring 2013 and have seen steady use this semester. Funded: $3,679.

36. **GCA Lab Hardware**
   Annual funding for General Computer Access on campus from the State is $138,573. This coming summer we plan to replace the computers in the Sage Hall GCA Lab and all Macs in the six GCA Labs. This maintains our three-year replacement cycle. Our estimate of the cost of this replacement is $172,600, which is approximately $35,000 more than provided by the State. Funded: $35,000.

37. **Career Services Student Access Technology**
   Interfase is the database we purchase from CSO for students and employers. Students are able to upload their
resumes/cover letters for employers to see. This database also enables students to apply for posted positions, request interviews from organizations, and register for all workshops and career events. Funded: $25,975.

38. **GCA Lab Software**
There are about 68 Windows applications and 40 Macintosh applications installed on GCA (General Computer Access) lab computers. While faculty are very good about finding free software when they can, there are applications that must be purchased and maintained annually, especially Adobe Creative Suites, iLife, Maple, Minitab, SPSS, Antivirus, Pharos, and Insight. Funded: $55,000.

39. **UARC Lab Printing**
The Undergraduate Advising Resource Center (UARC), located in the Student Success Center, Suite 202, is equipped with a presentation and computer lab containing 40 computers and a printer for student use. The UARC has some of the highest student traffic in the university, with more than 13,000 student visits per academic year. Funded: $3,300.

40. **Printer Support for Sage 4,002**
Our Survey Research Center does not yet have a printer in it. We have a machine to give to the students who use this lab (all upper level Political Science and Sociology students), and we hope that the ongoing costs of maintaining this machine could be paid for. Funded: $600.

41. **Paper and Toner for Printing**
This proposal would cover paper, toner and printer maintenance for the student printers in each of the 9 residence halls. Assuming paper and toner is also covered in the academic labs and the other printing locations on campus, this would continue to give a unified printing solution across campus. Funded: $20,000.

42. **GCA Lab Free Printing**
Provide free printing in all six GCA (General Computer Access) student computer labs on campus. Rather than create and incur the overhead costs of a technological and banking system to charge each student for each page they print individually, we request support for the paper, toner, and maintenance of the seventeen (17) printers in the six GCA labs. Funded: $93,500.

43. **No Fee Polk Library Printing**
About 98% of the 289 boxes of paper used last year were for the printers in Polk 101. 2011/12 statistics are the first full year of use of the larger printers. Polk 101 printers have the highest use of all areas on campus. The printers in Polk 101 use less toner than the previous printers, but, because of our high use, maintenance costs have risen. Funded: $45,000.

44. **New Printer for the Education Materials Center Area**
We would like to purchase a new laser printer for use in the Education Materials Center. This is one of the busiest service points in the library, serving students from all majors and the printer there now is over 7 years old. Funded: $1,100.

45. **SLIC Lab Paper and Toner**
Reeve Union is requesting the funding of printing supplies for the 2012-2013 academic year for the computer lab in the Student Leadership & Involvement Center (SLIC). The SLIC has 15 PCs, 3 Macs, one printer and a print queue. Funded: $6,395.

46. **Pharos Mobile Print**
With Pharos MobilePrint and Uniprint 8.3, students can print from any device (mobile or otherwise) on or off campus to any campus Pharos printer. Mobile printing works seamlessly from any email-enabled device to any printer with no drivers to download. Funded: $16,080.

47. **Paper and Toner for Pharos Printer**
Last year, we got a Pharos printer for Suite 102 that the Writing Center shares with CAR. We are requesting
$1,200 for printing costs. We need this funding as the printer continues to be used by students in the suite. Funded: $1,200.