

ITAC minutes for 10/15/03

1. Dr. Alan Parks gave a brief report on the amount of money left in the Student Technology Fee funds. He stated that currently \$130,000 was left in the fund. This figure was revised to \$100,000 in discretionary money when student workers for Spring and miscellaneous supplies for the computer labs were taken into account.
2. Darcy Schraufnagel described a security camera system for the dorms as a potential project for funding from the student technology funds.
3. Royce Hackett described his latest meeting with student representatives about their thoughts on technology needs. The primary focus was upgrading computer labs in the dorms. Also included were upgrades for Fine Arts and submissions from the SGA. Royce also described a proposal from Lynda Lee Purvis for laptop computers that students could check out and take home.
4. The committee heard several other proposals for funding, including a request from the Business school for funding a new computer lab. All proposals were discussed at length. There was a general feeling that many of the proposals had merit, but did not meet the criteria for funding with Student Technology Fees. These funds are primarily intended for improving computer labs, providing internet access in the dorms, and improving classroom technology, so a number of proposals did not fit the mission of the Student Technology Fee.
5. Recommendations for funding (in order of priority):
  - a. Upgrade the computer labs in the dorms. The primary upgrade is replacing 400 mhz computers with new models that have CD burners. Other upgrades include the purchase of scanners for each lab and additional CD burner drives for some of the existing computers.
  - b. Purchase new computers, jacks, and a projection system for the new Business computer lab (\$34,000). The estimate of \$1000 per computer was reduced to \$800 per computer. The merit of funding furniture for this lab was debated. The committee decided that the Business school needs to either use the existing furniture in the lab or purchase new furniture with funds from another source.
  - c. Software and new digital cameras for the Fine Arts computer lab (\$3000)
  - d. Any necessary upgrades to other student computer labs and classroom computer systems. Some of these classrooms and labs have older machines that need to be replaced.
6. There should be some funds left after the above purchases are made. These leftover funds will be used sometime in the Spring.

Next meeting: November 19 at 3:00 in the Morgan Hall Conference Room.

Attendance: Anthony Ianno, Darcy Schraufnagel, Nancy Morris, Alan Parks, Vera Weiskopf, Carl Mueller, Royce Hackett, Gary Fisk, Steve Galatas, Chuck Lawson, Bryan Davis, Stephanie Harvey, Antony Ware (student)