

Northwestern State University Annual Report on the Expenditure of Student Technology Fees

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Northwestern's Student Technology Fee Committee

Northwestern's Student Technology Fee Committee was established in the summer of 1997. The Committee is currently comprised of the Student Government Association Presidents and Treasurers from the Natchitoches and Shreveport campuses, a student representative from the Leesville campus and two other student representatives appointed by the Natchitoches SGA President. Meetings are held when requested by the SGA President (STAT Chair). The mission statement of the Student Technology Advisory Team is as follows:

The mission of the Student Technology Advisory Team is to ensure that all students have easy access to technologies that are necessary to adequately prepare them to successfully compete in the job market. The Student Technology fee is a student self assessed fee that should be used exclusively to the direct benefit of the students. In addition, students should have the primary role in the governance and allocation of these funds.

The web site for the Student Technology Fee and Student Technology Fee Advisory Team continues to provide information about the fee to Northwestern students and other interested individuals. The address is: http://www.nsula.edu/student_labs/ and <http://www.nsula.edu/stat/>

Progress made during 2005-2006

A total of \$2,645,008 was carried over from the previous fiscal year. \$ 1,465,822 was collected during 2005-2006 making a total available for the fiscal year of \$4,110,830. \$956,752 was spent or allocated, carrying over \$3,154,078 to the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

The following is a summary of major projects and expenditures:

Student Technology Lab Assistants/Coordinators, Student Technology Technical Support Specialist, Student Technology Support Specialist - \$299,694.27

Computer Lab Equipment, Technology Projects (large and small), software and supplies included - \$615,479.79

The Student Technology Support Specialist, Mrs. Jennifer Long-Martin, continued in the position. The staff of Student Technology Assistants and Coordinators were utilized in a multitude of capacities through this past year some of which include:

Staffing and keeping supplies on hand for all open computer labs.

The Student Technology and STAT web sites were maintained.

The Student Help Desk provided phone and email support to students in regards to changing passwords for myNSU, Blackboard assistance, Dial-up directions and software related issues.

Training classes were conducted at the beginning of each semester for all Student Technology Fee lab assistants. Student Technology Fee workers are required to attend the training to discuss any current lab issues and maintain a working knowledge of software.

All hours and contact information were posted in all labs for student viewing.

Student Technology lab assistants assisted students enrolled in web building classes.

Student Technology lab assistants created myNSU accounts for first time students.

Participated in fee payment to set up student accounts for myNSU portal.

Provided SSS with training for EXCEL students on the use of software programs used for coursework.

The Student Technology Fee Technical Support Specialist, Mr. Alfred Ehlers, continued in the position.

Installed new equipment and software across the university campuses for student use.

Handled the technical aspects of maintaining Student Technology Fee computer labs and check-out equipment.

Maintains software in all student computer labs

COMPUTER LABS AND EQUIPMENT:

The following are a list of computer labs upgraded during 2005-2006:

Leesville – Purchased/installed ADA Monitors

Leesville – Upgraded software to laboratory simulation program

Leesville – Purchased additional workstations for student lab

Leesville – Purchased interactive Anatomy software for student lab

CAPA – Purchased software for CAPA Theatre computer lab

Shreveport – Purchased new printer for student lab

TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

The STAT Committee approved funding for diversified technology projects including:

Large Project Proposals:

Aviation

Purchased modern equipment for aviation students – \$25,352.83

Biology

Purchased microscopes and refrigerators - \$26,807.42

CAPA

Purchased modern equipment for CAPA students - \$95,600.00

FACS

Purchased multimedia classrooms - \$36,726.50

Nursing

Purchased computer lab for student use - \$22,996.81

Watson Library

Purchased new workstations for library instruction - \$24,376.64

Student Personnel Services

Purchased technology for the COE Counseling Clinic - \$22,326.00

CAPA

Purchased “intelligent lighting” instrument for student theatre projects

CAPA

Purchased Disklavier for student use - \$24,500.00

Student Activities

Purchased presentation devices for student center - \$34,063.89

FACS

Purchased culinary lab/kitchen equipment - \$29,803.86

Chemistry/Physics

Purchased equipment for several different projects within the Chemistry/Physics department - \$20,259.44

Biological Sciences

Purchased Molecular Imaging device - \$70,000.00

Small Project:

Student Union Student Center

Provided upgrade to the Student Union marquis

Chemistry

Provided power poles for network in multimedia classrooms and lab, install mic/speaker system, install projection screen

One Card

Installed equipment for copier and microfilm readers

CAPA

Purchased workstations

Nursing

Purchased Audio/Visual carts

Education

Purchased CDR Drives, Mouse and projector

Ft. Polk

Upgrade modems for student dial-up

Ft. Polk

Purchased interactive message board

Disability Services

Purchased interactive software and laptop for disabled Student

Nursing

Purchased projectors, screens and workstations

Testing Center

Purchased workstations for testing

Military Science

Purchased digital camera to document training

Watson Library

Purchased workstation and projector for presentations to students

Watson Library

Purchased workstation for checking out student materials

CAPA

Purchased workstations and software for student use

Leesville Campus

Purchased smart classroom

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Leesville Campus

Purchased smart classroom

Leesville Campus

Purchased laptop for presentations

Leesville Campus

Upgrade vending machines to accept One Card Speed Demon card

Scholars' College

Purchased equipment to enhance classrooms, computer lab and Life Science laboratory

Argus

Purchased printer for student magazine

Academic Center

Purchased equipment to assist with tutoring students

Bossier, Boozman, and Varnado Residence Halls	Purchased wireless equipment for lobby areas
CAPA	Purchased accessory equipment for Superscope CD recorders
CAPA	Purchased electronic percussion trap and hand percussion sets
SGA	Purchased laptops for SGA personnel

Other Projects:

Purchased Anti-Virus software for all student workstations

Purchased Imail software for myNSU student portal

Purchased software for MAC workstations

Purchased software to maintain equipment repairs

Surplus equipment that was reusable was distributed based on the guidelines set forth by the state in regards to equipment purchased with Student Technology Fee funds.

Internal Auditor Report 2005-2006

Northwestern's Student Technology Fee is audited by the University Internal Auditor to ensure that the collection and expenditure of the fees is consistent with the policies set forth by the legislature and University governing board. The audit covers 2005-2006. The audit report will follow under separate cover.

Conclusion

Northwestern's Student Technology Fee continues to be a leader in efforts to improve the technology available to students. We are proud to submit this annual report which reflects the continuation of progressive spirit and cooperative nature with which all aspects of the committee's charges have been handled.