

Student Technology Fee

Grant Proposal

2008,005

2007-08

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Comment: No writing required

Student Technology Fee Grant Proposal Request Form Fiscal Year 2007-08  
Northwestern State University of Louisiana

FF 2008.005

ALL BLANKS MUST BE FILLED COMPLETELY

Prepared by: Juanita Darby For: Digital Camera & Camcorder w/MiniDVD & HD  
Department/Unit: Math College: NSU Leesville/Fort Polk Campus: Leesville/Fort Polk  
Which NSTEP Goals/Objectives does this project meet? NSTEP Objectives 1 & 2  
Requested equipment will be located/installed/housed? Building 550 Room 105  
Are department property policies and procedures in place for requested equipment? YES  
Which individual will be responsible for property control of the requested equipment?  
Signature: [Signature] Date: 10/30/07  
Grant Proposal Requested Amount: \$ 1098.00 Budget Attached (circle one) YES /NO

Grant delivered to Student Technology located in Watson Library, Room 113. Date 10/30/07

The grant proposal must include all specifications, description, model number, quotation, cost, state contract number, and vendor for each item. If the proposal does not include all requested information, it will be returned to requestor.

2. Describe target audience.

All students enrolled on the NSU Leesville/Fort Polk campus. Many students living in this area commute to main campus and use the computer labs on this campus because they are more convenient.

NSU Leesville/Fort Polk averages around 450 students during the Fall and the Spring semesters and about 200 during the Summer semester. Approximately 60-70% of the students are civilian, 20-30% are military family members, and 10% are active duty military.

This equipment would be available for check-out for students to use when preparing presentations for classes. Students enrolled in Comm 1010 would benefit the most. NSU Leesville/Fort Polk no longer has an adjunct speech instructor. Our students must take speech by Internet or over Compressed Video. It is difficult to determine the exact number of students this would impact because I can not get a count for Leesville/Fort Polk students enrolled in online sections that would want to use this equipment. There are approximately 70 students enrolled in the Compressed Video Comm 1010 sections each year. Due to class limits many of our students enroll in the online sections. All these students must video tape themselves giving their speeches for their instructors.

Any student enrolled in a class that required a presentation, i.e. Business, Psychology, Nursing, Computer Applications, would find it useful to use this equipment to enhance their presentations. These numbers are difficult to estimate.

2. Describe project/initiative for which you are requesting funds.

A Digital Camera and Camcorder with a Mini DVD and hard drive.

3. State measurable objectives that will be used to determine the impact/effectiveness of the project.

Students will use the Video Recorder to record speeches for Comm 1010.

Students will use the Camera to capture images for presentations.

Students will enhance their presentations by the use of still pictures and video clips.

4. Indicate how each project objective will be evaluated.

Student sign-in sheets will be reviewed by the Leesville Technology Committee each year.

5. If funded, which NSTEP <http://www.nsula.edu/nstep/NSTEP.pdf> objectives(s) will this funding of this project advance. How will funding of the project advance the University and College/unit technology plan?

NSTEPS Objective 1. To improve access to technology by students, faculty, and staff at NSU.

NSTEPS Objective 2. To improve classrooms with updated technology and multimedia.

6. Provide a justification for funding of this project Estimate the number of students that will be served per academic year and in what ways. Please indicate also any unique needs of the target group.

NSU Leesville/Fort Polk no longer has an adjunct speech instructor. One Comm 1010 class is delivered by Compressed Video to the students on the Leesville/Fort Polk campus each semester. Seating is limited to thirty for obvious reasons. Due to class limits many of our students enroll in the online sections. There are approximately 70 students enrolled in the Compressed Video Comm 1010 sections each year. All these students must video tape themselves giving their speeches for their instructors.

We are requesting a Camorder with a Mini DVD and a hard drive so students can create a DVD to mail to their instructor. This will create a quality recording for students to present and eliminate trying to transfer to a computer, and then upload to the instructor. Currently, students have to create a VCR tape of their speeches with old equipment.

Any student enrolled in a class that required a presentation, i.e. Business, Psychology, Nursing, Computer Applications, would find it useful to use this equipment to enhance their presentations. Many of these students would want to transfer their recordings to DVD format or the computer for use in Power Point presentations.

We are specifically requesting the Sony Cyber-shot DSC-W200 12.1 mega pixel digital camera because we know this model to be very easy to operate. Since this item will be used by many different individuals with varying experiences, we felt that the learning curve on this camera would encourage student's request.

This equipment would be available for check-out for students to use when preparing presentations for classes.

7. List those individuals who will be responsible for this implementation of the project/initiative and indicate their demonstrated abilities to accomplish the objectives of the project.

Martha Koury, Coordinator of Student Services, will store the equipment in a locked filing cabinet in Building 550, room 105.

Martha Koury will maintain the check-out/check-in sheets for this equipment.

8. Describe any personnel (technical or otherwise) required to support the project/initiative.

Martha Koury, Coordinator of Student Services, will store the equipment in a locked filing cabinet in Building 550, room 105. Martha Koury will maintain the check-out and check-in sheets for this equipment.

9. Provide a schedule for implementation and evaluation.

Equipment will be ordered in January and arrive by the end of February. During the Spring 2008, the equipment will be installed in room 1 and tested. Students will begin using the equipment after the installation is complete.

Evaluation will be done by student check-out and check-in sheets.

10. Estimate the expected life of hardware and software. Explain any anticipated equipment/software upgrades during the next five years.

Digital Cameras have a expected life of five years.  
Video Camcorders have a expected life of five years.

11. Explain in detail a plan and policy that will be in place to ensure property security/controls for any equipment received through a Student Technology Fee. If you are requesting equipment that will be either/or checkout to students or moved within the department, you must provide a checkout/loan policy.

All equipment will be secured in Building 550, room 105. The key will be controlled under the NSU Leesville/Fort Polk Key Control Policy.

**Check-out/loan Policy for the Camera or Camcorder:**

- 1) Student enrollment will be verified by Martha Koury.
- 2) Student will sign-out equipment by printing and signing their name, provide Student ID, and academic purpose
- 3) Equipment will be returned the same day. If equipment must be returned after 4:30, students will return equipment to campus security.
- 4) Students will sign-in of equipment will be initialed by Martha Koury.

Attach two (2) letters of support for the project from the following individuals: the requesting department's Dean, the appropriate Vice President (for non-academic units), or the SGA President from the requesting campus (for student requests).

**Student Technology Fee Grant Proposal Checklist:**

Is all information requested provided (items 1 – 11)?

Is a detailed budget attached?

Is all specifications, description, model number, quotation, cost, state contract number, and vendor provided for each item?

Are your two (2) letters of support attached?

If equipment is to be checked-out/loaned, is your policy attached?

# BUDGET

| Item              | Description  | State Contract No.<br>Vendor No. | Quantity | Total Cost        |
|-------------------|--|----------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| 1.                | Hitachi Hybrid<br>DZ-HS5000A<br>Mini DVD/Hard Disk<br>CamcorderFitness Expo<br>(see attached quote and specs)<br><i>The quote has a discount that is not always available;<br/>therefore, it was not included in the budget.</i> | Circuit City                     | 1        | 699.00            |
| 2.                | Sony Cyber-shot<br>DSC-W200<br>12.1 Megapixel<br>Digital Camera<br>(see attached quote and specs)<br><i>The quote has a discount that is not always available;<br/>therefore, it was not included in the budget.</i>             | Circuit City                     | 1        | 399.00            |
| <b>Total Cost</b> |  |                                  |          | <b>\$ 1098.00</b> |



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October 29, 2007

Student Technology Fee Grant  
Special Initiative

Dear Selection Committee:

Please know that I fully support the Student Technology Fee grant Proposal submitted by Ms. Juanita Darby to purchase needed video equipment for the Leesville campus. Studies show that students learn through various modes of instruction and that the use of technology is a good method to reach more learning styles. Methods of instruction impossible for teachers to use without technology become not only possible, but convenient with the proper equipment.

As she mentioned, students in COMM1010 would benefit most, since we have lost our adjunct instructor and have to depend upon compressed video delivery for this class, but approximately 1000 students take classes on the Leesville campus every year. Potentially all of them could benefit.

At a cost of less than \$1 per student per year over the expected life span of the equipment, I challenge you to find a more cost-effective proposal. Please consider this proposal positively.

Sincerely,

Larry E. Monk, E.Ed  
Executive Director, NSU-Leesville/Fort Polk



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October 29, 2007

Student Technology Fee Grant  
Special Initiative

Dear Selection Committee:

I fully support the Student Technology Fee grant Proposal submitted by Ms. Juanita Darby to purchase various video equipment for the NSU, Leesville Campus. The students of the Leesville campus need access to different kinds of technology to enhance their educational experiences.

A digital camera and Camcorder with Mini DVD and HD would be beneficial to all students but most importantly to the students that are currently taking our COMM 1010 classes. In the past this class was taught using an adjunct speech instructor, that is no longer an option and our students must take the course through distance learning or the internet. This equipment is desperately needed for these students to be able to complete the presentation component which we all know is a part of every speech class.

The cost per student per year is so minimal compared to the huge return that the students that so desperately need this video equipment will receive. Please give this proposal every consideration.

Sincerely,

Martha H. Koury  
Coordinator of Student Services  
NSU/Leesville





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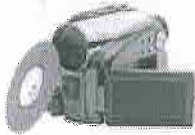
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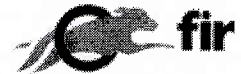
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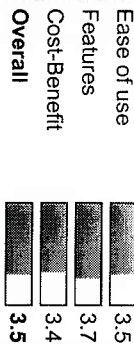
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record to a DVD and see it right away on any DVD player. It supports four formats of DVD (DVD-R, DVD-RW, DVD-RAM and DVD+RW) and SD card recording capabilities for added flexibility.  
**Zoom:** The 30x optical zoom delivers close-ups with amazing clarity. Enlarge details before or after shooting with the 1500x digital zoom.  
**2.7" LCD:** Get a clear picture of the action during recording and playback with the large 2.7" LCD panel.

**Store it:** With its completely unlimited storage capacity, the Hitachi DZ-HS500A Hybrid camcorder never runs out of room. The 30GB hard drive gives you the ability to record eleven hours in the highest-quality format, or just record straight to DVD.

**Share it:** Sharing your video and still images is easier than ever. This camcorder allows you to select scenes in-camera, without ever touching a PC. And, with fast and easy 1-touch dubbing, you can record to the hard drive and burn as many DVD copies in-camera as you want. It's great for sharing memories instantly with friends and family.

**Advanced image processing:** Hitachi's exclusive image processing technology uses the entire CCD to capture video to create a sharper, more detailed picture.

**Video-to-photo frame grab:** Capture still images at up to 640 x 480 resolution without interrupting your recording. Simply pull a still frame from your video and save it to the SD memory card with your choice of three quality settings for file size adjustment.

**Computer compatibility:** Transfer images to your computer in a flash with the built-in high speed USB 2.0 connection.

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USB 2.0 output

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Analog input

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**Picture quality**

Optical zoom

30X

Digital zoom length

1500x

HD Recording

No

Advanced imaging sensor

No

Low light mode

Yes

Built-in light

No

Image stabilization

No

**Digital still capability**

Digital still capability

Yes

Resolution

307K pixels

Memory card slot

Yes

**General features**

Warranty Parts

12 Months

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**Dimensions**

Height

3.6 inches

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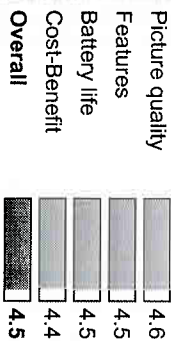
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**Face Detection:** By automatically controlling focus, exposure, color and flash, this advanced feature reveals faces in shadow, makes skin tones look more natural and eliminates harsh facial glare. It helps bring out every expression on every face in every shot, so you'll capture the personalities and emotions that make memories come alive.

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**Double anti-blur solution:** With Super SteadyShot® optical image stabilization, the DSC-W200 compensates for shaky hands and minimizes blur with optical sensors that detect camera movement and send correcting signals to a stabilization lens.

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