Student Technology Fee

Grant Proposal

2009.032

2008-09

Tracy Brown

(Approved)   Denied

Comment: Who will install the projectors?

Diana Hamilton

Approved   Denied

Comment: _____

Gary Gatch

Approved   Denied

Comment: _____

Mike McDonald

(Approved)   Denied

Comment: _____

Dale Martin

Approved   Denied

Comment: _____

Student Technology Fee
Grant Proposal Request Form
Fiscal Year 2008-09
Northwestern State University of Louisiana

ALL BLANKS MUST BE FILLED COMPLETELY

Prepared by: ___Dr. Mike Cundall___ For: _____

Department/Unit Scholars' College_ College: _Scholars' College_ Campus: _Natchitoches_

Which NSTEP Goals/Objectives does this project meet? ____Numbers 2, 4, 5 and 7_____

Requested equipment will be located/installed/housed? Building_Morrison Hall__ Rooms_115, 221, 232_

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:_____ Date: ____10/31/08_____

Grant Proposal Requested Amount: $12,207.91_____ Budget Attached (circle one):(YES)/NO

Grant delivered to Student Technology located in Watson Library, Room 113. Date__10/31/08____

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.

1. Describe target audience.

The materials will serve all students and faculty who use Morrison Hall on the Natchitoches campus of NSU. The classrooms (232, 221, 115) in which the technology will be placed have regular classes meeting throughout the week. Further, often faculty use these rooms to host guest lecturers who visit the campus to give talks to students and often need technology support to make their presentations. Therefore, this technology will enhance student learning by supporting the guest lecturers and faculty who use the rooms for classes or presentations. Further these rooms can also be used by student groups for activities such as inviting guest speakers, web-based lectures, and study sessions requiring access to visual or digital resources. The technology request for the computer lab will also help that lab to act more as a fully operational electronic classroom with the ability to teach technology to students and allow them to develop their abilities to use technology for presentations among other activities. In addition, the lab is sometimes used for Freshman Connection, to teach students to access their e-mail accounts. Being able to project instructions will allow students who learn visually to have better access to the instructions and improve their first experience with NSU and technology.

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

One of the main goals of NSTEP is to promote the use and growth of technology-based features across campus. Morrison Hall, an NSU classroom building and home to the Louisiana Scholars' College, still has classrooms lacking certain forms of technology and thus limit their usefulness for certain sorts of electronic classroom activities. The addition of these technologies to Morrison Hall further demonstrates how NSU is continuing to develop the use of technologies on campus to attract the more technologically astute student. The addition of the technologies with these funds will help to make Morrison Hall more available to the sorts of instructional needs that students and professors are coming into classrooms with.

The requested projectors for classrooms 232, 221 and 115, will further NSU's commitment to aiding programs and colleges, such as the Louisiana Scholars' College, in their attempts to become more attractive students aware of use of technologies in the classroom. Since many classes are beginning to be taught using PowerPoint and require some form of display so that students can become more involved with the subject matter, the addition of the projectors will allow for these classrooms to offer more flexibility in instructional methods to better suit the needs of students.

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

In the computer lab, Morrison 232, there are classes for Scholars' College freshman that focus on developing certain skill sets relative to working in the digital age. Skills like basic word processing, spreadsheet work and the use of Power Point can now have the process of working through a specific program's interface shown in a step by step fashion so that the students can work through in-class assignments and develop their skills. This class serves 40-50 students each year. Students will be asked to rate the effectiveness of such teaching strategies and the results of the classes taught with the new classroom as opposed to the old one will be compared.

In classrooms 115 and 221 (Morrison), students and professors will be asked to rate the ease of use and applicability the new technologies have to their classes and whether the upgrades have created better teaching and learning environments.

4. Indicate how each project objective will be evaluated.

Both course students and instructors will be asked to rate the helpfulness of the technologies in their particular classes through a small survey administered toward the end of each course that was taken in the classrooms with the new technology. Instructors will also be asked to rate the effectiveness and or benefits gained with the availability and use of such technologies.

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

The technologies purchased by this grant support NSU Technology goals numbers 2, 4, 5 and 7.

- 2--To develop a plan for a learning-centered environment that reflects the "spirit" of the concept including distance learning technologies, innovative strategies and pedagogy, and a commitment to provide the necessary faculty and student resources to make this environment possible
  - The technologies will open up classrooms to being able to have access to digital resources not before available. Students and instructors alike will be able to supplement course material from material from the web and other digital resources. Classes will also have resources available to allow for digital interactions from guest speakers that may not be physically present at NSU. Student and instructors will also have technologies that will allow for podcasting and access to www.Youtube.com for course related material.

- 4--To establish a comprehensive enrollment management plan that maintains an economically viable student population, attracting and recruiting outstanding academic achievers with diverse backgrounds, from an expanding geographic area to all program levels throughout the university
  - Adding the technology upgrades to rooms 115, 221 and 232 will help show prospective students that NSU is continuing to develop more connectivity and technologically enhanced classrooms thus making coming to NSU more attractive to students who more and more rely on technology in learning.

- 5--To develop and implement a system of resource commitment and allocation in order to increase excellence in academic and professional programs
  - The technology will also help by allowing more faculty access to opportunities to grow and supplement their teaching regimens thereby strengthening the content and effectiveness of the courses they teach.

- 7--To expand the interdisciplinary approach to academic programs at Northwestern
  - The benefit of having a building where a variety of instructors from disciplines across the campus as well as students from those disciplines working in a classroom that is outside their discipline's home area will lead to the greater chance for interdisciplinary connections. Faculty may meet with different students and encourage undergraduate research or may meet other faculty members and begin new lines of collaboration. In sum, the addition of these technologies to Morrison Hall rooms 115, 221 and 232 will further NSU's overarching objective to develop and implement technology across its campus.

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

The three classrooms for which the technology has been requested are well used. Room 232 has 6 hours of class time per week and is an open university computer lab that has students using it each and every day. Room 221 and room 115 have 26 hours of class time per week. There are nearly 20 classes that meet weekly among the three classrooms and the classrooms host a variety of classes ranging from mathematics, to language courses to Scholars' sections. With an average

of 18 students per class in Morrison 115 and 221, plus the students who rely upon the computer lab for coursework (the Scholars' computer applications class and some Freshman Connection classes) and as a working computer lab, that means that nearly 400 students from across the campus are served by these classrooms per semester. For any given academic year, the number of students served if we take into consideration activities beyond strict classroom work, reaches nearly 1000 students. It is likely this number will continue to grow. The students who use the computer lab will benefit additionally from the use of a new scanner. Scholars' students often are given a number of handouts for their various courses, e.g. Scholars' Texts and Traditions, Science Seminar and mathematics courses to name only a few, and the addition of a scanner that can rapidly feed and scan documents will make the use and distribution of these materials (provided copyright guidelines are observed in the relevant cases) much more effective. Further, certain classes require the scanning in of artwork for presentation in their classes by the students and a newer scanner will allow students more of a chance to incorporate visual aided that might not be obtainable in a digital format from the web. The requested software will be loaded onto the computer in the computer lab to which the scanner is linked and thus can be used by students to manipulate photos, scanned text, documents, etc., for presentation or research. The functionality and ability to work with a variety of media that the scanner and attendant program packages will also be made use of by other students in other classes and as such the scanner and programs will likely be well received. The requested technology investment for these classrooms will reach a large percentage of students on the NSU campus and students across the campus, Scholars or otherwise, will benefit from these upgrades.

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

T. Davina McClain, Director Louisiana Scholars' College and Dr. Michael K. Cundall Jr., Assistant Director Louisiana Scholars' College. Both persons have experience with technology and the administration of "smart" classrooms. Additionally, both persons as administrators have experience in assessing the effectiveness of the use of technology within academic units.

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

The personnel required for the support of this initiative will be the standard NSU technological support staff and both the Director and Assistant Director of the Louisiana Scholars' College. University technology staff will be used in the installation of the equipment and technological support in the future.

9. Provide a schedule for implementation and evaluation.

Once the technology has been installed, the following full semester will be the one in which the evaluation of the benefit and use of such upgrades will begin. The results will be collected and made into report form by the Assistant Director of the Louisiana Scholars' College. This report will then be made available to the Director of Scholars and any other interested parties.

10. Estimate the expected life of hardware and software. Explain any anticipated

equipment/software upgrades during the next five years.

The expected lifespan of the projector unit is 3-5 years and the bulb is rated for 2000/3000 hours. The expected lifespan of the scanner is 3-5 years. In general, with scanners, they will not fail unless there is a physical breaking of the component parts and this "breaking" is usually the result of misuse. The laptops have an expected life of 3-5 years and the software should remain functional for the period of time. Like all technology and program suites, obsolescence is sooner rather than later, but well maintained equipment should remain reliable for 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.

The projectors and attendant fixtures, cords, etc., requested will be such that it cannot be removed from the rooms in which they are installed. The projectors will be mounted from the ceilings with the proper security safeguards in place. The scanner will be housed in the computer lab which is locked each night and will have the necessary security measures installed for its safekeeping. Each of the laptops will be on rolling carts that will be stored in a secure closet when not in use.

12. Detailed budget include all specs, pricing and vendors. Any incomplete proposal will be returned.

Vendor for Itmes—Detel Computer Solutions
    10434 Plaza Americana
    Baton Rouge, LA 70816

1) Three- 2700 Lumens Powerlite 3.5LBS $1,647.67 EA
   $4,943.01

2) Three- PRO-ELPMBFCP Projector ceiling mount plate $160.00 EA
   $480.00

3) Three- PRO-ELPMBPJF Epson Universal Ceiling Mount Bracket $144.28 EA
   $432.84

4) Three- PRO-ADJ0203 2-3Ft Ext Pole $0.00 EA
   $0.00

5) Three- Multimedia Kit Includes the following: $259.23
   50'VGA....50'S-Video.....50'RCA.....Wall
   Box, Face
   plate.....25'VGA....25'S-Video....25'RCA
   .....Raceway for wall to hold the cables
   5 Media-Kit EA
   $777.69

#115

6) Three- Multi-MedBOX Multi media deep wall box with cables 3 $0.00 EA $0.00

7) Three- CAB-VGA-MM-25FT 25FT VGA M/M Extension Cable 3 $0.00 EA $0.00

8) Three- CAB-SVIDEO-25 25' S-Video Cable 3 $0.00 EA $0.00

9) Three- CAB-RCA-MM-25 25' RCA MM Composite Video/Audio $0.00 EA $0.00

10) Three- GRAY-DUCT-CHAN Plastic wall duct channel PER FOOT 24 $0.00 EA $0.00

11) Three- GRAY-FITTINGS Drop Ceiling fittings DCF10EI-X $0.00 EA $0.00

12) One- SCAN-4490 Flatbed scanner - Legal - 4490 1 $325.00 EA $325.00

13) QUOTE MATTE WHITE MODEL C/CSR 6X6 1 $589.00 EA $589.00

14) LABOR Installation Labor - Billed Per Hour 9 $85.00 EA $765.00

15) Adobe PhotoShop Vendor- SHI $164.78

16) Two Laptops Vendor-Dell $2993.76

17) Rolling Technology Cart (verbal quote from Mayfield) $246.00

18) Office Professional Plus Vendor- SHI $52.92

19) Adobe Creative Suite 3 Design Premium License Vendor- SHI 417.91

20) Adobe Creative Suite 3 Design Premium Media Vendor- SHI $20.00

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).

DETEL

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PROPOSAL	
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1	PRO-1710C	2700 Lumens Powerlite 3.5LBS	3	$1,647.67	EA		$4,943.01
2	PRO-ELPMBFCP	Projector ceiling mount plate	3	$160.00	EA		$480.00
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12	SCAN-4490	Flatbed scanner - Legal - 4490	1	$325.00	EA		$325.00
13	QUOTE	MATTE WHITE MODEL C/CSR 6X6	1	$589.00	EA		$589.00
14	LABOR	Installation Labor - Billed Per Hour	9	$85.00	EA		$765.00
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EXEMPT $0.000		
	Taxable	$0.00
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	Exempt	$8,312.54
	Total	$8,312.54
	Balance	$8,312.54

Michael K. Cundall

Matthew Prescott
User Support Specialist
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From: DellOnlineSales@Dell.com [mailto:DellOnlineSales@Dell.com]
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E-QUOTE

E-Quote Information

E-Quote number: 1008138506219
E-Quote name: Mike Cundall
Description: Scholars College Laptops

Saved By:	Matt Prescott	**Phone Number:**	(318) 357-4090
	matt@nsula.edu	**Purchasing Agent:**	
Saved On:	Friday, October 31, 2008	**Notes/Comments:**	
Expires On:	Tuesday, December 30, 2008	**Additional Comments:**	

Description

Latitude E6500

Date & Time: October 31,2008 8:36 AM CST

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SYSTEM COMPONENTS

Latitude E6500
Intel® Core™ 2 Duo P8400 (2.26GHz, 3M L2 Cache,
1066MHz FSB), Genuine Windows Vista® Business
Downgrade,XP Professional SP3 Install,E

Qty   2

Unit Price $1,496.88

Catalog Number: 25 E1355

Module	Description	Product Code	Sku	Id
Latitude E6500	Intel® Core™ 2 Duo P8400 (2.26GHz, 3M L2 Cache, 1066MHz FSB)	MEMP84	[223-9149]	1
Operating Systems	Genuine Windows Vista® Business Downgrade,XP Professional SP3 Install,E	XP33BNE	[420-9610]	11
Memory	2.0GB, DDR2-800 SDRAM, 2 DIMMS	2G2D8	[311-8825]	3
Internal Keyboard	Internal English Backlit Keyboard	ENGBL	[330-0841][330-1652]	4
Graphics	NVIDIA Quadro NVS 160M	160MBLU	[320-6988]	6
Primary Storage	160GB Hard Drive, 7200RPM with Free Fall Sensor	160G72	[341-6970]	8
Fingerprint Reader Options	No Fingerprint Reader	NOFR	[311-8819]	9
LCDs	15.4" UltraSharp™ Wide WXGA+ (1440x900) LED Display-Regatta Blue	BLWGI	[313-7074]	10
AC Adapter	90W A/C Adapter (3-pin)	90AC3P	[330-0876][330-0879]	15
Primary Optical Device	8X DVD+/-RW w/Roxio and Cyberlink Power DVD™, Blue	8XDVRB	[313-6722][420-8010][420-8667]	16
Camera / Microphone	Digital Microphone	MIC	[320-7004]	17
Wireless LAN (802.11)	Dell Wireless™ 1397 802.11b/g Mini Card	DW1397	[430-3085]	19
Systems Management	No Intel vPro™ Technology's advanced management features	CSMD	[330-0884]	21
System Documentation	No System Documentation	NODOCS	[313-3673]	25
Primary Battery	6 Cell Battery	6C	[312-0729]	27
Hardware	3 Year Basic Limited	U3OS	[989-	29

Support Services	Warranty and 3 Year NBD Onsite Service		2862][989-5570][991-3367][991-3368]	
Installation Services	No Onsite System Setup	NOINSTL	[900-9987]	32
Laptop Tracking & Recovery	ComputracePlus- 3 Year	CT3	[364-1191][364-7655][365-1245][365-1308]	351
Color Options	Regatta Blue	BLU	[313-6758]	380
LCDs	Blue Wide Screen WXGA+ LCD Panel w/ Microphone only	BLWGM	[313-6810][313-6822][320-7015]	748
Processor Branding	Intel Core 2 Duo Processor	IC2DNB	[310-8319]	749
OS Labels	Vista Premium Label	VPDGRN	[310-9160]	750
			TOTAL:$2,993.76	

Sub-total	$2,993.76
Shipping & Handling	$0.00
Total Price	--

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Subject:	FW: SHI Quote 2531702, Adobe Acrobat Quote

Found it!

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Davina, you can edit this quote to the number of copies needed. I also included the media for your convenience.

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this is what you have on your computer--would it be useful with the scanner?

Davina

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2	Adobe Creative Suite 3 Design Premium - License - 1 user - EDU - TLP - level S (1000-4999) - Win - 600 points - Universal English Adobe TLP Education - Level ES - Part#: 54022445ES	1	$480.00	$417.91	$417.91
3	Adobe Creative Suite 3 Design Premium - Media - EDU - TLP - DVD - Win - Universal English Adobe TLP - Media - Part#: 29500333DE	1	$20.00	$20.00	$20.00

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Total	$490.83

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To: Office of Student Technology

From: Dr. Thomas Hanson, Provost/VP Academic & Student Affairs

Re: Support for Student Technology Fee Grant Proposal for Scholars' College

Date: 10/31/08

I fully support the Student Technology Fee Grant Request submitted by Dr. Michael Cundall on behalf of the Louisiana Scholars' College. The requested technology upgrades will serve a variety of students across campus such as Scholars' students, students from Mathematics, Psychology and Liberal Arts. The technologies will enhance the ability of the classrooms to serve students' needs for classroom activity and research and study as well. Since students require more technology in their educational experience, the upgrades will help students at NSU continue to grow and meet the demands of a technologically enhanced learning environment.

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A Member of the University of Louisiana System

To: Office of Student Technology

From: T. Davina McClain, Director, Scholars' College

Re: Support for Student Technology Fee Grant Proposal Request for Scholars' College

Date: 10/30/08

I fully support the Student Technology Fee Grant Request submitted by Dr. Michael Cundall on behalf of the Scholars' College for the enhancement of classrooms in Morrison Hall. In addition to Scholars' College courses, courses in Orientation and from the departments of Mathematics, Social Sciences, Languages and Communication, Psychology, and Engineering Technology are currently scheduled in Morrison Hall. The addition of technology to these three classrooms will greatly enhance the instructional capabilities of all three spaces. As students are required to do more presentations and projects requiring detailed computer applications, they need better equipped classrooms in which to learn and to demonstrate their learning.

Enhancing Morrison 232 (the computer lab) with both greater scanning and with projection capabilities will improve students' ability to learned computer applications and will give them the equipment necessary to do presentations to demonstrate that they have learned the applications. All students in the Scholars' College are required actively to demonstrate their mastery of Word, Excel, Powerpoint, MyNSU, Blackboard, and Outlook in their first year.

Enhancing Morrison 221, a classroom routinely used for science, history, language, philosophy, and mathematics courses will provide a greater range of instructional options for this wide range of courses and will allow students with different learning styles—especially those who learn visually—to be better served.

Enhancing Morrison 115, a classroom used especially for language and mathematics courses, will again be able to use the projection capabilities to improve instruction and to provide different ways for students to demonstrate their mastery of the materials.

In addition to Scholars' College courses, courses from the departments of Mathematics, Languages and Communication, Psychology, and Engineering Technology are currently scheduled in Morrison Hall. This proposal will serve students in all disciplines and at all levels and will greatly enhance any classes that are taught in Morrison Hall.