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

2014-2015



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and the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors

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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: <a href="http://www.nsula.edu/student\_labs/">http://www.nsula.edu/student\_labs/</a> and <a href="http://www.nsula.edu/stat/">http://www.nsula.edu/stat/</a>

#### Progress made during 2014-2015

A total of \$1,101,558 was collected during Fiscal Year 2014-2015 making a total available of \$2,203,997. Expenditures for 2014-2015 were \$1,302,498.

The following is a summary of major projects and expenditures:

Student Technology Lab Assistants/Coordinators, Student Technology Technical Support Specialist, Associate Director - \$269,879.

Computer Lab Equipment, Technology Projects (large and small), software, supplies and maintenance cost included - \$1,032,619.

The Associate Director, Mrs. Jennifer Long, continued in the position. At the beginning of July 2011 the duties and responsibilities increased sufficiently with an increase from 897 workstations to 1796 a 50% increase; acquired over 33 SMART classrooms and door access to all CV Suites. Student Technology has also acquired fifteen (15) lecture capture classrooms.

The Student Technology Fee 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, STAT and Student On-line Support Help Desk web sites were maintained.

The Student Help Desk provided phone and email support to students in regards to changing passwords for myNSU, Moodle assistance, wireless instructions 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 first time student in creating myNSU accounts.

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:

This report includes carryover from fiscal year 2013-14. The first amount will depict the budgeted amount; the second amount will depict the expenditure.

The following are a list of computer labs upgraded during 2014-2015:

| Location         | Budget<br>Account | Approved<br>Budget | Expenditures | Description               |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Life Science Lab | 5-27561           | \$25,789.40        | \$22,748.32  | Student Lab Upgrade       |
| Psychology Lab   | 5-27562           | \$16,578.90        | \$14,623.92  | Student Lab Upgrade       |
| FACS Lab         | 5-27576           | \$16,578.90        | \$20,060.46  | Student Lab Upgrade       |
| ROTC Lab         | 5-27574           | \$3,684.20         | \$3,249.76   | Student Lab Upgrade       |
| SAB              | 5-27563           | \$7,368.40         | \$6,499.52   | Student Area              |
| SGA              | 5-27596           | \$7,368.40         | \$6,499.52   | Student Area              |
| Disabilities     | 5-27597           | \$5,526.30         | \$4,874.64   | Student Lab Upgrade       |
| CAPA             | 5-27598           | \$47,880.00        | \$47,880.00  | Student Lab Upgrade       |
| TEC              | 5-27599           | \$11,973.65        | \$10,561.72  | Student Lab Upgrade       |
| CACS             | 5-27625           | \$5,526.30         | \$4,874.64   | Student Lab Upgrade       |
| Student Printers | 5-27627           | \$6,675.48         | \$6,675.48   | Printers for student labs |

#### **TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS**

### Large Project Proposals:

| Location          | Budget<br>Account | Approved<br>Budget | Expenditures | Description       |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| LOUIS             | 5-27481           | \$61,034.10        | \$61,034.10  | Data Bases        |
| Messaging System  | 5-27628           | \$20,149.89        | \$20,499.89  | Messaging System  |
| Charging Stations | 5-27629           | \$40,779.60        | \$2,866.81   | Charging Stations |
| SMART Classrooms  | 5-27630           | \$81,585.77        | \$82,884.07  | SMART classrooms  |
| Life Science      | 5-27485           | \$20,070.06        | \$21,567.08  | Student Equipment |
| TEC Wired         | 5-27669           | \$24,338.83        | \$21,386.01  | Wiring            |
| Bienvenu, Kyser,  |                   |                    |              |                   |
| Watson, Leesville | 5-27671           | \$27,013.62        | \$233,746.76 | Wiring            |
| Vet Tech          | 5-27662           | \$36,398.00        | \$24,571.65  | Student Equipment |
| CV Systems        | 5-27668           | \$65,527.00        | \$65,784.36  | CV Systems        |
| NSU22             | 5-27664           | \$109,147.00       | \$101,186.41 | NSU22 Equipment   |
| Life Science      | 5-27614           | \$48,896.96        | \$46,438.25  | Student Equipment |

## **Small Project Proposals:**

| Location           | Budget<br>Account | Approved<br>Budget | Expenditures | Description       |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Iberville Wireless | 5-27642           | \$7,670.64         | \$9,579.12   | Wireless          |
| HHP Wireless       | 5-27643           | \$14,385.53        | \$13,449.70  | Wireless          |
| HHP Wired          | 5-27644           | \$13,161.71        | \$11,835.18  | Wireless          |
| CAPA               | 5-27673           | \$15,053.96        | \$13,963.98  | Student Equipment |
| Union/KNWD         | 5-27675           | \$14,846.36        | \$15,220.86  | Student Equipment |
| CAPA               | 5-27676           | \$2,950.00         | \$2,950.00   | Software          |
| CAPA               | 5-27678           | \$10,084.07        | \$10,662.14  | Student Equipment |
| SSS                | 5-27679           | \$1,378.50         | \$769.42     | Student Equipment |
| CAPA               | 5-27482           | \$13,000.00        | \$12,131.96  | Student Equipment |
| CAPA               | 5-27483           | \$5,453.93         | \$4,709.82   | Student Equipment |
| myNSU              | 5-27635           | \$9,500.00         | \$9,500.00   | Portal            |
| CAPA               | 5-27661           | \$7,260.00         | \$2,377.77   | Student Equipment |
| Nitro PDF          | 5-27640           | \$3,171.54         | \$3,171.54   | Software          |
| SPSS               | 5-27622           | \$9,191.40         | \$9,191.40   | Software          |

# Lab Supplies/Operating Costs

| Location           | Budget<br>Account | Approved<br>Budget | Expenditures | Description    |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Operating<br>Costs | 5-27481           | \$70,000.00        | \$143,627.05 | Operating Cost |

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 2014-2015**

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 2014-2015. 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.

| UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM REPORT ON STUDENT T<br>Institution: Northwestern State University of Louisiana | ECHNOLOGY FEES |
|---|----------------|
| Student Technology Fees Act 1450 of 1997  |                |
| Fiscal Year 2014-15   |                |
| Fund Balance as of 07/01/14   | 1,102,439      |
| Revenues Collected  | 1,101,558      |
| Total Funds Available   | 2,203,997      |
| Less Funds Expended   | (1,302,498)    |
| Fund Balance as of 6/30/15  | 901,500        |
| Summary of Expenditures by Object 07/01/14 - 06/30/15   |                |
| Personal Services   | 269,879        |
| Travel  | 252            |
| Operating Services  | 84,194         |
| Supplies  | 79,362         |
| Software  | -              |
| Professional Services   | -              |
| Equipment   | 868,811        |
| Major Repairs/Renovations/Remodeling  | -              |
| Other: Write-Offs   | -              |
| Total Expenditures by Object  | 1,302,498      |

Carl Jones, Vice President of Business Affairs

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### Student Technology Fee Changes in Fund Balance as of June 30, 2015

| Fund Balance at July 1, 2014             | \$<br>1,102,439   |
|--|-------------------|
| Revenues and Other Additions             |                   |
| Tuition and Fees                         | \$<br>1,098,347   |
| Interest Earned                          | \$<br>2,848       |
| Other Miscellaneous Income               | \$<br>363         |
| <b>Total Revenue and Other Additions</b> | \$<br>1,101,558   |
| Expenditures and Other Deductions        |                   |
| Educational and General                  | \$<br>(1,302,498) |
| Total Expenditures and Other Deductions  | \$<br>(1,302,498) |
| Net Increase (Decrease)                  | \$<br>(200,939)   |
| Fund Balance as of June 30, 2015         | \$<br>901,500     |

I certify that these amounts represent the accounting records as of June 30, 2015.

Carl Jones, Vice President of Business Affairs & Controller

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# Student Technology Fees 2014-2015 Account Expenditures \*some accounts are from previous fiscal years

| Budget Number | Total Expenditure |
|---------------|-------------------|
| 5-27476       | \$269,878.58      |
| 5-27481       | \$143,627.05      |
| 5-27482       | \$12,131.96       |
| 5-27483       | \$4,709.82        |
| 5-27485       | \$21,567.08       |
| 5-27561       | \$22,748.32       |
| 5-27562       | \$14,623.92       |
| 5-27563       | \$6,499.52        |
| 5-27574       | \$3,249.76        |
| 5-27576       | \$20,060.46       |
| 5-27596       | \$6,499.52        |
| 5-27597       | \$4,874.64        |
| 5-27598       | \$47,880.00       |
| 5-27599       | \$10,561.72       |
| 5-27614       | \$46,438.25       |
| 5-27622       | \$9,191.40        |
| 5-27625       | \$4,874.64        |
| 5-27627       | \$6,675.48        |
| 5-27628       | \$20,499.89       |
| 5-27629       | \$2,866.81        |
| 5-27630       | \$82,884.07       |
| 5-27635       | \$9,500.00        |
| 5-27640       | \$3,171.54        |
| 5-27642       | \$9,579.12        |
| 5-27643       | \$13,449.70       |
| 5-27644       | \$11,835.18       |
| 5-27661       | \$2,377.77        |
| 5-27662       | \$24,571.65       |
| 5-27664       | \$101,186.41      |
| 5-27668       | \$65,784.36       |
| 5-27669       | \$21,386.01       |
| 5-27671       | \$233,746.76      |
| 5-27673       | \$13,963.98       |
| 5-27675       | \$15,220.86       |
| 5-27676       | \$2,950.00        |
| 5-27678       | \$10,662.14       |
| 5-27679       | \$769.42          |
| Total         | \$1,302,497.79    |