



Committee for Student Instructional Technology Fee

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I. BACKGROUND

In the Fall of 2008 a University-wide Instructional Technology assessment was conducted and its findings presented to the Board of Trustees. The assessment identified critical instructional technology gaps needing to be filled in order to place Pace on par with benchmark institutions. Also identified were strategic opportunities for surpassing benchmark institutions in these same areas. The 17 person committee unanimously agreed the only foreseeable way in the current financial climate to subsidize the instructional technology assessment would be to implement a Student Technology Fee. The fee will be completely earmarked for instructional technology keeping Pace competitive with the technology needed for today's teaching and learning methodologies.

II. OBJECTIVE

The implementation of a Student Technology Fee (Beginning Fall 2009) is dedicated towards covering the expenses of instructional technology initiatives that directly impact the student learning for a significant portion of the student population. A governance structure is in place to act as the recommendation body to the Provost on the allocation of the funds throughout the academic areas.

III. STUDENT TECHNOLOGY FEE STRUCTURE

Annually, a portion of the technology fee will be allocated towards covering the annual costs of key initiatives and maintenance of instructional technology (outlined in the cost breakdown below) including ongoing expenses of initiatives previously approved by the committee. The remaining funds are discretionary and the Instructional Technology Fee Committee will review annual proposals submitted by the Pace community and will make recommendations to the Provost on which ones to fund.

As of Academic year 2018-2019 the student technology fee is

Full-Time Students	Part-Time Students
\$105 per semester	\$60 per semester

Key initiatives that require annual funding include:

- Annual fee for student software licensing and other software and services previously approved by the committee.
- Annual costs of supporting the student printing program (includes paper, toner, supplies and lease/ maintenance costs of equipment)
- Replacement of PC/MAC, and peripheral equipment, located in Computer Resource Centers, Libraries, and some college/school-operated computer classrooms that are open to the general Pace community when not in use by the college/school
- Maintenance and replacement of wireless network equipment located in teaching spaces
- Maintenance and replacement of instructional technology equipment located in teaching spaces
- Maintenance of general access videoconference rooms used for instructional purposes.
- Annual fees for various instructional tools approved by the Student Instructional Technology Fee Committee

IV. GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

A. Oversight Committee for the Student Technology Fee

1. Chair of the Committee (non-voting member)

Vice President, Information Technology Services and Chief Information Officer (CIO) or designee

2. Student Membership (7 voting members)

- a. 3 students from the New York City Campus
- b. 3 students from the Pleasantville Campus
- c. 1 student from the White Plains Campus
- d. Membership will consist of 3 designated voting members along with the designation of 3 alternates each from the New York City and Pleasantville campus and 1 alternate from the White Plains Campus. In recruiting students, a broad representation of students are encouraged (i.e. residents, commuters, online, part-time, graduate)

3. School/Colleges Membership (6 voting members)

Instructional Technology representatives from each of the schools/Colleges

- On an annual basis, each participating school/college will identify their Instructional Technology representative as a voting member.
- Only one Representative from each school is entitled to vote at each meeting so as to comprise the five total school/college voting members.
- If a school/college representative cannot attend, they can appoint an alternate.

4. ITS/Budget Representative (non-voting member)

The Assistant Vice President from the Office of the VP/CIO will serve as the budget representative and maintain and provide updates on the Student IT Fee Budget.

5. Specific Departments/Services (non-voting members)

Department groups/services will attend meetings and act as a resource, providing technical and other information, as necessary.

- Representative of the Academic Affairs Budget Office
- Representatives from Information Technology Services
- Representative from Library

B. Responsibilities of committee members

- Oversee the planning and expenditures of the Student Instructional Technology Fee
- Hold two open community meetings per semester (Fall/Spring)
- Prioritize and approve budget requests in accordance with current University Strategic Plan and the charge of the Instructional Technology Committee
- Review the budget of expenditures at each meeting
- Evaluate impact on student outcomes
- Publish committee minutes for stakeholders to review

C. Committee Meetings:

- Four meetings of the Student Instructional Technology Fee will be held each academic year. (Oct, Nov/Dec, Feb, and March/April).
- The agenda of each meeting will contain the following items (at a minimum):
 - Budget Update
 - Status updates of projects in progress
 - Review of proposed initiatives and vote
 - New Business
- A quorum of voting members must be present to hold the meeting. A simple majority of voting members will constitute a quorum. Given the current size of the committee, 7 people are required for a quorum. If a quorum is not available, the meeting will be held, but no votes can occur. Voting will take place at next meeting or electronically for time sensitive requests.
- Robert's Rules of Order will be used to conduct the meeting.

D. Fee Proposal Eligibility Requirements

All technology purchased and implemented by the Technology Fee must have the ability to be supported by current staffing levels in university areas. If specific departments request technology that will be used in their areas, they should include an explanation of how it will be supported within their area.

- Permitted
 - Purchase of technology related equipment, software, and/or services used in **direct** support of student instruction and that will be made available to significant portions of the student population (i.e., entire campus, etc.) in the following categories:
 - Classroom Enhancements and Instructional Equipment
 - Collaboration/ Feedback Technologies
 - Blended/ Online Learning Technologies
 - Assessment of Learning
 - Digital Content for Learning
 - Co-Curricular Support
- Not Permitted
 - Employment of full-time/part-time faculty or staff
 - Stipends of any kind
 - Funding of University Learning Management System (add-ons to LMS are permitted)
 - Funding of library databases
 - Funding of administrative/general purpose technology hardware/software/subscriptions

E. Submitting a Proposal

Students are encouraged to submit a funding proposal to the Student Technology Fee Committee. All submissions will be evaluated and considered at a scheduled Student Technology Fee Committee Meeting.

A funding proposal can be submitted at <https://appsrv.pace.edu/ITFeeForms/>

To have a proposal considered by the committee, applicants must attend the Committee Meeting in order to present and argue their case. After receiving your proposal ITS will review the proposal to ensure that it meets the criteria listed in Section D above. If it meets criteria, a presentation will be scheduled for the next committee meeting and applicants will be invited to attend and present their proposal. All proposals must be received at least one week before meeting dates.

F. Funding/Execution of Approved Projects

Approved projects will be funded and implemented based on availability of funds. If funds are not available in the current fiscal year, projects can be deferred to the next fiscal year if advance funding is not available.

G. Evaluation of Approved Projects

Approved projects will be reviewed periodically to evaluate utilization and determine if the solution continues to meet University and user needs and support instruction. If it is found that a product or service no longer has significant utilization, no longer supports instruction, or otherwise is no longer useful, Committee Members can recommend de-funding the item. If approved, the item will be discontinued at the next possible annual renewal.