Minutes

UNR Student Technology Fee Advisory Committee

October 4, 2017 Meeting

Present

Angie Chase UTC Representative

Howard Goldbaum Faculty Senate Representative

Christina Hilfer UTC Representative

Carissa Bradley ASUN Representative

Ed Huffman ExOfficio TLT

Ben Roelofs representing Tina Hill, ExOfficio OIT

Steve Smith Vice Provost for IT/CIO, OIT

Jim McKinney Deputy CIO, OIT

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1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Current projection of funds available this year

Estimated that approximately $3.2 million would be available this year.

After subtracting funds already encumbered for known expenses, approximately $1.5 million remain.

The intent is to use the funds except collected in the fiscal year except for a small amount (< 5%) for contingencies.

1. Status of activity since last meeting

OIT met with Residence Life and worked out One-Time-Only use of Tech Fee funds to bring infrastructure up to date to support full WiFi coverage. Cost of WiFi hardware and maintenance will be Residence Life obligation. Estimated Tech Fee funds: $150, 000.

To help make instructional online content within the central learning management system (Canvas) accessible within new policy and in accordance with UNR agreement with the Office of Civil Rights, approximately $45,000 of Tech Fee funds were used to purchase a needed license for the Ally software. This amount is being built into a budget request that would relieve the need to use Tech Fee funds; however, that budget request is for the next biennial budget so Tech Fee funds will be needed for at least another year (another ~$45,000).

1. New requests for funds

Classroom Technology

Three classrooms managed by the School of Medicine IT staff are in severe need for technology upgrades. While these classrooms are used by a fewer number of departments than classrooms on the rest of the campus, they are used by multiple departments who pay the technology fee. TLT has been working with SOM and facilities to get estimates for upgrading the classrooms. The estimated cost may be in the neighborhood of $30,000 per classroom. A portion of that would be paid from Tech Fee funds and SOM will contribute. The final costs to be determined.

Committee Action: General recommendation to proceed.

ACUE Training for Graduate Teaching Assistants

Request from Graduate School for $25,000 to cover ACUE licenses to be used for online training to improve instructional skills for Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTA). This would be used for a small number of GTAs to see how effective this was for improving instructional skills. This option was presented at a recent GSA meeting with general positive response. The general consensus of the advisory committee was that while the ACUE training was important and laudable it did not seem to fit as an appropriate expense for technology fee funds. The only apparent technology connection was that the training is available online and some of the training material may relate to use of technology for instruction.

Committee Action: General recommendation not to proceed. \*

\*GSA representative was not at the meeting to engage in discussion and recommendation.

Lynda Training License

Request from library for Tech Fees to supplement funds already provided by the library and from Tech Fee ($25,000) to pay for increase license cost for Lynda online training materials. The majority of the training modules are for use of various software applications as well as other skills training. Data was presented on use of Lynda which is available to all students and employees. Discussion on possible alternatives such as using a Lynda license held by the county. Also, discussed efforts with vendor to avoid the licensing increase. Significant discussion on how the Lynda modules are used by individuals and with classes. Also, significant discussion on the low number of users even though Lynda has been available at UNR for about a decade. Options for single year or 3-year licensing were presented. The data presented by the library is attached.

Committee Action: General recommendation to proceed with providing to provide funds to cover increased licensing for 3 years with provision that use statistics be maintained and reviewed at the end of year 2. If use has not significantly increased at least to the cost formula being charged to UNR (assumes 23%of UNR is using Lynda) that the library be informed tech fee funding will cease after year 3 license expires.

1. Review draft of revised tech fee purpose

Moved to be discussed at the next committee meeting

1. Other new business

None