

Technology Council Notes - October 16, 2007

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Present: Jim Antilla (ex officio), Kent Brorson (CSD), Amanda Evans (ex officio), Angela Fellman (CSD alternate), Johanna Garrison (SW), Randy Gordon (Psy) Jim Jarvis (HPER), Duane [Spike] Millslagle (HPER), Gerry Nierengarten (Educ), Alissa Pauly (HPER), Karen Plass (ex officio), Holly Price (CSD), Stacy Seminara (SW), Emily Shuga (SW)

Absent: Jenna Clark (Educ), Monica M. Gunderson (Educ), Linette Schwantke (Psychology), Katie Baxter (CSD)

1. Introductions

2. Proposals

Approximately 33 proposal requests were received, for a total of \$321,430: there were 30 from HPER (27 of which were submitted for the department by John Keener), and one each from SW, CSD and Educ. Jim shared the proposals with committee members via email earlier, and provided a summary sheet at the meeting.

Spike distributed a handout listing three years' worth of priorities for 24 of the proposals submitted by John Keener, and initiated a broader discussion of the overall tech fee budget. HPER proposed prioritized items that would need to be funded over several years, because they see no way to fund their equipment needs except through tech fees.

Jim noted that sometimes units have special needs for capital equipment or other items, and that sometimes we may need to give more money to a particular unit, but that each unit would need a turn. Ideally, he said, we'll get to "collegiate thinking." We have \$100,000 to \$125,000 to spend this year. We anticipate distributing about \$50,000 per semester.

There was a lively exchange of questions and comments, some of which focused on our process:

- Can units share? ... They sometimes can and do.
- Can we cut back on quantities? ... We are reluctant to do so without knowing the potential impact.
- If people are turned down, will they have to reapply in the future?
- If needed items keep getting turned down, how can we fund them?
- Can we set aside funds for big-ticket items, based on a formula (large capital items vs. smaller or more short-term items)? ... We have \$120,000 to \$125,000 to divvy up; we could do it differently, but so far our approach has been to take the available funding and divvy it up.
- There is equality, but there is equity, too.

- If there are 2,000 CEHSP students x \$125 in tech fees, that's \$400,000. Let's look at the budget at a future meeting, so the committee can see the full picture.
- At this meeting, we should go with our current process, or we won't get anything decided. It would be nice to see this process tried, and see this group make some decisions based on the applications in hand.
- Should we set aside some funds for the November deadline, in addition to the funds we expect to "save" for the spring semester? ... We announced a number of proposal deadlines for the year, including two this semester. This implies that people will have a second chance to apply this semester - in November.

Jim Jarvis suggested that we go over the 12 requests for Fall 2007: HPER's six "packaged" fall priorities, plus two requests from Mark Nierengarten (HPER), and one each from Amy Versnik Nowak (HPER), Jolene Hyppa Martin (CSD), Terrie Shannon (Educ) and Denny Falk (SW).

Guidelines: We wanted a majority of students present for voting, which we have. The proposed 50/50 split between spring and fall semester is just a guideline, and is not carved in stone.

Suggestion for future proposal applications: If people have multiple proposal requests, let's recommend that they separate and prioritize them.

We discussed the proposals briefly, and did a secret ballot vote.

Results:

Item	Unit	Submitted by	Cost	Decision
Contro Stability Upgrade Kit	HPER	Duane Millslagle and John Keener for HPER	\$1,500	Yes
Voice Reaction Timer	HPER	Duane Millslagle and John Keener for HPER	1,700	Yes
Reaction Time Panel	HPER	Duane Millslagle and John Keener for HPER	3,300	Yes
Photoelectric Rotary Pursuit	HPER	Duane Millslagle and John Keener for HPER	4,000	Yes
Anticipation timer	HPER	Duane Millslagle and John Keener for HPER	5,200	Yes
Core Temp Data Recorder	HPER	Duane Millslagle and John Keener for HPER	8,100	Tie (No)
InDesign, cameras, etc.	HPER	Amy Versnik Nowak	7,100	No
LCD Projector and Podium	HPER	Mark Nierengarten	7,500	No
Elmo Projector	HPER	Mark Nierengarten	1,595	Yes
Augmentative Communication	CSD	Jolene Hyppa Martin	8,000	Yes

Device				
Airliner Slates	Educ	Terrie Shannon	2,500	Yes
Data analysis software	SW	Denny Falk	850	Yes

The committee approved nine proposals with a total cost of \$28,645.