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MEMORANDUM

To: Randall A. Thursby, Vice Chancellor/CIO –
Office of Information and Instructional Technology

William R. Bowes, Vice Chancellor – Fiscal Affairs

From: Joseph A. Newton, Interim Director of Information Technology

Subject: Report on Technology Fee Uses in FY 2004

In response to your memorandum of January 11, 2005 requesting a report on the technology fee uses in fiscal year 2004, we respectfully submit the report attached.

Cc: James L. Black, Interim Vice President for Business and Finance
Usha Ramachandran, Budget Director
David Dickerson, Assistant Budget Director



Valdosta State University
Report on Student Technology Fee Uses in FY 2004
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This report on the uses of student technology fees for fiscal year 2004 at Valdosta State University provides evidence for the appropriate use of these funds to enhance teaching and learning and broad participation by students, faculty, and staff in the appropriation of these funds. While the scope of the report is for a single year, an historical study would show that without these funds there would be significantly less technology and technology that was less frequently updated available to the students on this campus for use in the core mission of teaching and learning. Students are now able to enjoy a campus where most of the technology is continuously upgraded to maintain currency with and to prepare students for the world outside the university.

1. Total student technology fee collections for FY 2004 were \$969,089.68.
2. Projects funded by student technology fees, their funding amounts, status, purpose, and evaluation are reported in the spreadsheet on the following pages.
3. The Student Technology Fee Action Committee meets about four times per year and makes all decisions regarding the allocation of funds to projects submitted from across campus to the chair. The composition of the committee includes four students and representation from Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Faculty Senate, and IT. Specifically, for the FY 2004 the following members participated:
 - 3.1. Jason Lewis, SGA President, jalewis@valdosta.edu , json922@hotmail.com
 - 3.2. William Finney, SGA Vice-President, wbinney@valdosta.edu
 - 3.3. Danielle Burns, SGA Secretary dpburns@valdosta.edu
 - 3.4. Keith Flemming, SGA Treasurer, kcflemming@yahoo.com, kcfllemi@valdosta.edu
 - 3.5. Russ Mast, Dean of Students, rmast@valdosta.edu
 - 3.6. George Gaumond, University Librarian, ggaumond@valdosta.edu
 - 3.7. Ken Smith, Faculty Senate Technology Committee, kensmith@valdosta.edu
 - 3.8. Chris Pyle, IT Staff, capyle@valdosta.edu
 - 3.9. Joe Newton, Interim CIO, Committee Chair, jnewton@valdosta.edu

Item	Project	Amount	Purpose	One-time?	Met Goals? How?
	Total	\$969,119			
1	Staffing and Printing in Student Computer Labs	\$175,360	Augment student staffing and printing supplies for student computer labs to provide longer open hours and free printing to students.	Ongoing	Largely successful. Labs are open longer hours into the evening, in some cases until 2 a.m., employing student workers. Printing is free and is popular. In some labs there is a small control problem and we plan to address this with governing software and eventually move to a one card system, allowing for several reams free per semester but subsequent printing at cost.
2	Supply Equipment for Student Computer Labs	\$341,173	Provide equipment upgrades (new computers, LCD displays, printers) to student computer labs.	Ongoing	Very successful. Benefits students by providing more computers in more labs and more frequent upgrades of equipment. Many students in this rural region lack updated personal computers and so benefit from the availability of newer computers on campus.
3	Supply Software for Student Computer Labs	\$111,150	Augment funding for specialized software supporting the curriculum and activities.	Ongoing	Very successful. Benefits students by providing specialized software for use in their curriculum and in other activities, access to which they would not normally have, preparing students by using the same software they will use in their vocations and in the workplace.
4	Supply Equipment for Smart Classrooms	\$39,600	Augment funding for smart classrooms in order to bring more classrooms online with updated equipment.	Ongoing	Very successful. Benefits students by allowing for the use of technology in more classes, bringing more material into the classroom as appropriate to the subjects.
5	Additional Staffing and Supplies Support for Instruction in Student Labs and Smart Classrooms	\$74,167	Augment centrally deployed staff and supplies for computer labs and smart classrooms.	Ongoing	Very successful. Benefits students by providing a standard level of support across campus, assisting instructors in classrooms in the use of technology, and troubleshooting problems in the computer labs and providing service by employing a staff of student workers.

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6	Support Accessibility in Computer Labs and Web Site	\$26,550	Augment funding for providing handicapped access to student computer labs.	One-time	Successful. Handi-capped students benefit from the use of accessibility desks and software are provided in more and more student computer labs. Closed-captioning is being added to smart classrooms to benefit deaf students.
7	Wireless Network Upgrades	\$95,700	Augment funding for expansion and upgrade of wireless network.	One-time	Very successful. As many as half of the students living in residence halls benefit from wireless network availability as do students who bring their notebooks onto campus in and around our academic buildings.
8	Student Storage Area Network	\$60,000	Provide Authentication, Roaming Profiles, and My Document/Public_HTML folders for students in computer labs and through web.	One-time	Not complete. When complete project will provide students with authenticated, online storage accessible from anywhere on campus or off.
9	Student News Feed, Mass Media Program	\$22,550	Provide Mass Media students with a CNN News media feed to use in student productions.	One-time	Very successful. Mass Media students are now able to acquire and incorporate news and news media into their products, including a weekly news program that is broadcast on the campus cable TV channel.

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10	Student Newspaper Equipment	\$6,000	Augment funding for student newspaper.	Ongoing	Very successful. Students benefits from using the same systems and software used by the Journalism program and the newspaper industry, gaining valuable experience outside the classroom that will prepare them further for their vocations.
11	Notebooks for Student Checkout	\$16,869	Provide notebook computers for checkout by students from the Library's Media Services department.	One-time	Very successful. Students keep a contingent of 20 notebook computers constantly checked out for use during the day and overnight. Program needs to be expanded to provide for more notebooks.