Student Technology Fee Plan
Southern University and A&M College

Plan Overview

The student technology fee at Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge was established in 1998 in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statue 17:3351. The fee was approved by the Student Government Association, the University Chancellor, System President and Board of Supervisors. The purpose of the technology fee at Southern University is to establish and enhance the various technologies that directly impact student learning and student life.

The student technology fee advisory committee is responsible for providing guidance, direction and recommendations for technology fee use. The technology fee plan is implemented by the Office of Technology and Network Services, which is responsible for academic computing at the University. The student technology fee advisory committee shall be appointed by the Chancellor and Student Government Association President.

The student technology fee is assessed to all students at five dollars per course credit hour. The maximum fee charged to any student is sixty dollars per term. Assessment of the technology fee use shall be compiled by the Office of Technology and Network Services and presented to the student technology fee advisory committee annually. This report then serves as the University's report to the managing board.

Objectives
Major objectives of the technology fee are summarized into the three areas of access, Infrastructure and academic support.

Objective 1: Access
Students will be provided access to several basic technology needs which shall include
- General Purpose Computer Laboratories
- Printing
- Photocopying
- American with Disabilities Act compliant stations
- Remote Access and Virtual Private Network Systems
- Tele-videoconferencing which support distance education and e-learning.

Objective 2: Infrastructure
The infrastructure and core systems required to maintain quality teaching and learning shall include systems such as
- Servers
- Networking and telecommunications equipment.
- Storage systems

- Back-up and recovery systems

Objective 3: Academic Support
Key to the successful implementation of any technology resource is our ability to utilize in a manner which benefits our students. The support systems which improve the functionality and integration of technology resources include
- Learning Management System (Blackboard)
- Help Desk support
- Instructor led and online training
- Web and electronic information dissemination
- Multimedia classroom support and electronic equipment lending
- Special departmental specific projects

Accountability
All student technology fee funding shall be placed in a restricted account and used for technology resources and initiatives that positively impact teaching, student learning and achievement. The student technology fee committee, the director of Technology and Network Services and the compliance unit of the Comptrollers' office shall be responsible for evaluating technology fee expenditures.

The student technology fee advisory committee will consist of at least 12 members with broad student, faculty and staff representation. This committee shall meet at least twice per year. The fall meeting of the committee should focus on prior year reporting and evaluation and preliminary budgeting for the next fiscal year. The spring meeting shall focus on evaluation and strategic review.

A recommended committee structure includes
  - 6 students recommended by the student government association president
  - 1 faculty member recommended by faculty senate president
  - 1 academic affairs representative
  - 1 student affairs staff representative
  - 1 finance and administration staff representative
  - 1 enrollment management faculty/staff representative
  - 1 technology and network services representative