Teaching and Learning Support Services Proposal
Technology Investment Committee
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Hi Scott,

Thank you for the opportunity to present technology needs to the Technology Investment Committee. I apologize for my absence at the next meeting, I will be at Ferris State taking my comprehensive exam, being interviewed, and presenting.

Here are the recommendations of the TLSS division, in accordance with the Technology Plan.

1) Replace 22 data projectors

Rooms: A001, A011, H003, L122, L123, L124, L165, L212, L213, L214, L215, L217, L218, L219, L221, L222, L223, L224, LRC200C, LRC200D, Vogt room)

[Note: H014 is part of the above list but was inadvertently not listed in the original email.]

Estimated Cost: $1,320 per projector, total $29,040

Rationale: Based on room usage and age of the current projectors, these should be swapped out as soon as possible to improve student and instructor satisfaction. Furthermore, with the current projectors, lights in these rooms must be turned off in order to use the projectors. New projectors would allow lights to be on while in use, create a cleaner more crisp picture, and allow learning not to be restricted by the technology.

2) Replace library computers.

Quantity: There are 55 computers that are old and slow. The technology plan lists 32 computers for 2013-2015, but any amount would be appreciated.

Estimated Cost: $1,000 per computer

Rationale: The Media Center is the largest computer lab on campus, and is open when the college is open. Students use these computers for their classes, personal reasons, to print information, etc. These 55 computers are slow and in need of replacement. We have several computers, within the first few rows, that are unreliable and thus unavailable for student use. This impacts thousands of students. Year-to-date, the Media Center has had 8,203 logins. And to put this into perspective, the Media Center was down for over a month at the beginning of the semester. Hence, this 8,203 is really for only a month.

Thank you again for the opportunity. Please let me know if you need additional information.

~ Adam

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Additional notes from Adam:

  a) AV is my top priority - students and faculty needed this upgrade 2 years ago. My thought ... what do we do in a night class (or winter class) when there is no external light (sun). Using the projector and taking notes is impossible with the room's lights off.

  b) Computers in the library would be used immediately, and daily. Although 32 would be great, at least 10 would help us rotate out the ones we've got labeled unavailable for student usage.