

## STUDENT TECHNOLOGY FEE COMMITTEE

### November 15, 2024

**Present:** Jeanne Chaisson (proxy for Tommie Landry), Kristie Goulas, Jessica Hawkes (proxy for Andrew Barbier), Joshua Cogswell (proxy for Kaitlin Gravois), Amanda Guidry, Laure Kasovich, Karishma Nathaniel (proxy for Raj Boopathy), Jax Badeaux, Abigail Foret, Douglas Gilchrist, Parker Hebert, Grace Landry, Evan Louviere, Cruz Cassard (proxy for Nasrine Ningbinnin), Angelle Romero, Andrew Naquin (proxy for Laila Zirlot), Sam Cagle, Keith Carroll, Perry Lawless, Randy LeBlanc, Leah Lirette

**Absent:** Sara Bourgeois, Terry Braud, Ryan Dubina, Jacob Frey

The meeting began at 2:01 PM in Peltier Hall Room 115.

Randy welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. Leah called roll and the student quorum was met. Randy started with old business from the agenda which was the previous student sub committee meeting that was held on November 8, 2024.

Randy turned the floor over to the SGA president, Jax Badeaux, to present the student subcommittee funding decisions. 32 proposals totaling \$749,681.89 were submitted. The Committee had \$436,164.90 available to fund projects. There were 23 proposals that were fully or partially funded, totaling \$437,724.14, which is \$1,559.24 over budget. The following proposals are to be funded:

- #2 Makerspace – Jeremiah Johnson - \$5,093.92 (F)
- #3 Legacy Program – Arati Watson - \$1,219.95 (F)
- #5 Nursing – M<sup>3</sup>Lea Talbot - \$39,951.85 (P)
- #6 Biology – Raj Boopathy - \$20,128.06 (F)
- #7 EMLCS – Melissa Remark - \$3,276.27 (F)
- #8 Nicholls Campus – Andrew Simoncelli - \$13,255.00 (F)
- #9 Makerspace – Jeremiah Johnson - \$4,800.62 (F)
- #11 Music – Ben Robichaux - \$21,971.22 (F)
- #12 Library – Brandy Burbante - \$2,328.92 (F)
- #13 Dyslexia – Octave Hymel - \$4,400.00 (P)
- #14 MACO – Laure Kasovich - \$5,069.16 (P)
- #15 CIS – En Mao - \$13,650.86 (F)
- #16 Biology – Trisha Cobb - \$66,337.88 (F)
- #17 History – Stuart Tully - \$17,642.62 (F)
- #18 Culinary – Amelie Zeringue - \$1,506.55 (P)
- #21 EMLCS – Scott Banville - \$43,211.54 (F)
- #23 Allied Health – Sherry Foret - \$49,641.78 (P)
- #25 Physical Sciences – Darcey Wayment - \$29,395.24 (P)
- #26 Student Union – Keilan Kiger - \$10,308.82 (F)
- #27 Student Union – Keilan Kiger - \$2,165.21 (F)
- #30 Crown Leaders – Farren Clark - \$1,294.97 (F)
- #31 Art – Ross Jahnke - \$63,552.04 (P)
- #32 Library – Andrew Barbier - \$17,521.66 (P)

Randy stated that all colleges received at least partial funding, if not all, for their proposals. Kristie Goulas asked for more information on why Katherine Mabile's photobooth proposal wasn't funded. Jax explained that a baseline priority list for proposals was established based on a score sheet. After initial voting, some priorities were adjusted after further discussion. There was no further discussion on the decisions made. Jax made a motion to vote on the proposals and Douglas seconded. All present voting

members voted to accept the subcommittee's results. There were none opposed. The above projects will be funded as identified.

Randy moved on to the next agenda item which was the cash match bylaw revisions. The IT Staff had a productive discussion with the Office of Sponsored Programs and the Controller's Office about revisions to the cash match process. A new process will be implemented for faculty requesting cash match grants for externally sponsored projects. This will improve tracking and oversight, ensuring better control over funds and purchases. The final literature will be shared with the committee once it is finalized.

Randy turned the floor over to Jax who had new business to discuss. Jax presented a new proposal to upgrade the Wi-Fi across academic buildings, including the installation of new access points in every classroom. The total cost of the proposal is \$314,918.29, with savings available in an account to cover this cost. Several committee members expressed support, citing frequent Wi-Fi issues in classrooms such as Powell and White halls. Jax stated that the library is not included in this proposal, but further plans to address library Wi-Fi may be considered in the future. Sam Cagle stated for faculty to email our Helpdesk regarding any Wi-Fi issues in the library. Slade explained that an ongoing issue with wireless network usage was identified, and improvements have already been made. The IT team will continue monitoring and troubleshooting Wi-Fi issues. Faculty and staff are encouraged to report specific Wi-Fi issues, including location and time, to help IT better address problems. Jax made a motion to fund the new Wi-Fi proposal and Douglas seconded the motion. All voting members were in favor of funding the new Wi-Fi proposal and none were opposed. Kristie asked when this Wi-Fi project would be completed and Sam explained there's two parts to the project: replacing old equipment and then adding access points to all Academic classrooms. Grace asked if the new access points would be placed based on the issues where the old access points were and Slade encouraged the students to inform faculty of these current issues to allow the IT Staff to assist with efficiency. Randy pushed for a motion to move the money from our surplus fund to our active budget for this proposal. Angelle Romero made a motion to move the money and Jax seconded the motion. All were in favor of transferring the money and none were opposed.

Randy explained that Etrieve notifications will be sent out regarding the decisions of the proposals along with an email sent to the requester of the proposal. There was no further business to be discussed. Randy pushed for a motion to adjourn. Jax made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Douglas. The meeting was adjourned at 2:22pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy J. LeBlanc". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

Randy LeBlanc  
Chairperson  
Student Technology Fee Committee