

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY FEE COMMITTEE

November 7, 2025

Present: Andrew Barbier, Sara Bourgeois, Bliss Broussard, Jeanne Chaisson, Kristie Goulas, Laure Kasovich, Joshua Cogswell (proxy for En Mao), Casie Oncale, Cruz Cassard, Allie Devillier, Jaqueline Diaz, Ethan Gisclair, Parker Hebert, Danny Woods II (proxy for Justin Helper), Adriana Magallon, Sarah Roth, Terry Braud, Sam Cagle, Keith Carroll, Ryan Dubina, Jacob Frey, Perry Lawless, Randy LeBlanc, Leah Lirette

Absent: Abby Wright, Slade Besson

The meeting began at 2:00 PM in Peltier Hall, Room 115 with a roll call conducted by Leah Lirette to establish quorum. Randy Leblanc opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and reviewed the agenda. He explained that the goal was to finalize the funding decisions made by the student subcommittee on Friday, October 24th.

Randy outlined the process: Cruz would present each of the funding decisions, and attendees—students, faculty, and staff—would have an opportunity to ask questions or raise objections. If needed, individual votes could be taken, or the committee could approve all proposals in one collective vote.

Cruz thanked the student subcommittee for their efforts and noted that the group held a productive three-hour meeting on Friday, October 24th discussing and ranking the proposals. There were 33 proposals totaling \$994,062.65 were submitted, and the committee had \$460,590.31 available to fund projects. After extensive discussion and deliberation, 17 proposals were fully or partially funded, totaling \$459,501.63, which is \$1,088.68 under budget.

The funded proposals are as follows:

- #1 Student Access Center – Casie Oncale - \$27,131.45 (P)
- #2 Biology – Boopathy Ramaraj - \$20,420.46 (P)
- #5 SGA – Cruz Cassard - \$7,864.00 (P)
- #7 Biology – Allyse Ferrara - \$20,712.96 (P)
- #8 Dyslexia – Remly LeCompte - \$11,880.00 (F)
- #9 Mass Communication – Laure Kasovich - \$3,196.00 (P)
- #11 Mass Communication – Lance Arnold - \$16,323.61 (F)
- #12 Culinary Institute – Amelie Zeringue - \$10,546.02 (F)
- #14 Nursing – Rebecca Lyons - \$57,189.08 (P)
- #15 Biology – Tricia Cobb - \$74,769.00 (F)
- #16 Physical Sciences – Darcey Wayment - \$4,545.92 (P)
- #17 Library – Andrew Barbier - \$26,035.20 (P)
- #18 Athletics – Courtney Cassard - \$10,543.53 (F)
- #19 Athletics – Jennifer Schulte - \$8,036.64 (P)
- #24 Business Admin – En Mao - \$102,564.76 (P)
- #25 EMLCS – Scott Banville - \$46,748.00 (F)
- #27 Teacher Education – Sara Bourgeois - \$10,995.00 (P)

Cruz noted that the student committee worked to distribute funding equitably among departments, prioritizing projects that demonstrated clear student benefit and readiness for implementation. He emphasized that limited funds required difficult compromises but reflected strong collaboration and fair decision-making.

Following Cruz's presentation, Randy opened the floor for questions. Kristie Goulas asked about partially funded proposals—specifically, how funds are handled if a department cannot secure the remaining balance. Randy explained that the committee ensures each partial funding supports a usable portion of the project. For example, the nursing proposal was divided into separate components, and funded portions could still be implemented. If a project cannot proceed, funds will not automatically return for redistribution but may inform future proposals.

No further questions were raised. A motion was made to approve the funding decisions as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

Randy then reviewed the next steps of the funding process. All proposers will receive Etrieve notifications indicating their project's funding status—fully funded, partially funded, or not funded. Those not funded will receive follow-up emails explaining the reasoning, primarily due to budget limits. Some projects may require updated quotes, and larger purchases may go through the state bid process. Randy also shared that IT and Purchasing will collaborate on procurement planning and bundling purchases where possible to secure volume discounts.

Before adjourning, Randy asked for any new business and none was presented. Cruz motioned to adjourn; Kristie seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy J. LeBlanc". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Randy LeBlanc
Chairperson
Student Technology Fee Committee