

Student Technology Fee Full Committee
ZOOM Meeting
February 27, 2026

Present: Andrew Barbier, Bliss Broussard, Jeanne Chaisson, Kristie Goulas, Laure Kasovich, Casie Oncale, Cruz Cassard, Allie Devillier, Samaria Gaither, Ethan Gisclair, Justin Helper, Adriana Magallon, Sarah Roth, Raul Batista (proxy for Abby Wright), Terry Braud, Sam Cagle, Keith Carroll, Perry Lawless, Randy LeBlanc, Leah Lirette, Adam Lamartina

Absent: Sara Bourgois, En Mao, Jaqueline Diaz, Slade Besson, Jacob Frey

The meeting began at 2:01pm via Zoom. Randy called the meeting to order and Leah conducted a roll call – a quorum was confirmed. Randy then began with updates on all previously funded proposals.

For the Student Access Center proposal, the purchase has been completed and the project is currently on the vendor's build schedule. Installation is anticipated to begin in approximately four weeks.

For Biology (microscopes and spectrophotometer), all equipment has been received and assembled.

For the SGA proposal, all items have been delivered and logistics are being finalized.

For the additional Biology proposal (Elise Ferrara), microscopes were received and assembled by Nikon representatives.

Regarding the Dyslexia proposal (Kurzweil software), Casie reported that during a recent meeting with the CEO of Kurzweil, it was confirmed that the funding secured provides three years of site-wide access for the entire university at the originally approved cost. The software must be transitioned to single sign-on (SSO) for campus-wide deployment. Sam stated that our IT representatives will follow up once documentation is added to the existing support ticket.

For MACO proposals, all iMacs and Mac Studio units have been received, deployed, and are operational in the designated areas.

The Culinary proposal interactive board was installed during a university holiday and is fully operational in the test kitchen.

For Nursing, Dell computers and the charging station have been received. Crescent installation work will likely occur after the semester concludes.

For Biology classroom upgrades in Kilgen Hall, Keith confirmed that one room has been completed, and remaining installations are scheduled for Spring Break.

The Physical Sciences proposal is complete. One damaged unit was replaced by the vendor.

For the Library proposal, computers have been received and are in the process of deployment.

Athletics equipment, including transmitters and laptops, has been received and installed.

Athletics Academic Center equipment has also been delivered and installed.

Business laptops have been deployed. Installation of the microphone system in the conference room remains pending scheduling with Crescent.

The English lab installation is complete and operational.

Teacher Education installations are substantially complete. Crescent provided a mobile cart at no additional cost. One mounting bracket may require replacement due to damage identified during installation.

Randy summarized that all proposals have been ordered with only a few proposals waiting on deployment. Remaining pending items include Student Access Center build scheduling, Nursing installation, select Biology classroom installations, and the Business microphone system.

Randy then moved to new business on the agenda. Adam Lamartina presented a proposal regarding "Prey," an asset management software system intended for use with library laptops. The software allows tracking of checked-out devices, remote locking of overdue equipment, and recovery assistance for lost or stolen devices. It would replace the current Absolute software licensing, potentially reducing future laptop costs.

The committee discussed pricing options for one, two & three-year licensing terms. Randy explained that if approved, the annual cost would be added to the recurring operational services budget and would reduce available funds for new proposals accordingly. During discussion of the Prey asset management software proposal, Cruz asked why the request had not been submitted during the Fall Tech Fee cycle and why it was being presented now. Adam explained that IT had not previously used the software and chose not to request Tech Fee funds for an untested product. Instead, IT conducted a one-year trial using internal budget funds to evaluate whether the software met the library's needs, provided accurate tracking, and improved device management.

Sam clarified that IT does not have recurring funds to sustain the software long term. Internal funds were reallocated to cover the trial year, as the department did not want to bring a proposal forward without first confirming its effectiveness. Andrew noted that improved tracking could reduce losses and improve laptop turnaround, potentially lowering future Tech Fee requests for replacement devices. Adam added that replacing the current Absolute licensing with Prey may reduce per-device costs, allowing more laptops to be purchased within future

proposals.

Cruz asked where the committee currently stands in the budget with regard to adding the Prey software. Randy explained that the most recent approved budget includes surplus allocations and serves as the basis for all current proposals. He clarified that recurring expenses, such as Zoom, WEPA, LabStats, and other maintenance costs, are included under the annual operating services section. If approved, the Prey software would be added as a recurring maintenance line item within that section.

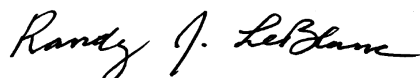
Randy noted that adding an annual cost of approximately \$2,500–\$2,700 would slightly reduce the total funds available for new proposals in future cycles. While the impact would not be substantial, it would adjust the overall operating services calculation and reduce available discretionary funds accordingly.

He further explained that updated enrollment projections from the Budget Office will be incorporated into the April budget presentation, at which time the committee can review scenarios with and without the addition of the software. Due to bylaw restrictions prohibiting financial votes during Zoom meetings, the committee agreed to table the proposal until the next in-person meeting. Cruz moved to table the proposal; Andrew seconded the motion.

Cruz then provided an SGA update. He reported that SGA may review previously unfunded proposals from the fall cycle to determine whether partial funding assistance may be possible for smaller projects. Additionally, the Student Senate Finance Committee has formed a subcommittee to review Tech Fee expenditures in accordance with supervisory authority outlined in the constitution.

Randy reminded members that meeting minutes will be circulated for approval via Canvas next week.

With no further business, Cruz moved to adjourn the meeting. Casie seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:31pm via Zoom.



Randy LeBlanc
Chairperson
Student Technology Fee Committee