STUDENT TECHNOLOGY FEE COMMITTEE
Friday, April 24, 2026

Present: Andrew Barbier, Bliss Broussard, Jeanne Chaisson, Brett Gilmore (proxy for Kristie Goulas), Laure Kasovich,En Mao, Amanda Fremin (proxy for Casie Oncale), Danny Woods II (proxy for Cruz Cassard), Allie Devillier, Jacqueline Diaz, Rhett Chiasson (proxy for Samaria Gaither), Ethan Gisclair, Mia Nunez (proxy for Adriana Magallon), Sarah Roth, Abby Wright, Terry Braud, Sam Cagle, Jacob Frey, Terry Braud, Randy LeBlanc, Leah Lirette
Special Guest: Adam Lamartina

Absent: Sarah Bourgeois, Justin Helper, Slade Besson, Keith Carroll, Perry Lawless.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:02 PM. Randy welcomed the committee and Leah called roll to establish a quorum.

Randy started with old business from the agenda, which was an update on the status of all outstanding Tech Fee projects. He stated that the majority of projects have been completed. Regarding the AIM software for disability programs, the university is currently waiting for the vendor to build out the software. The biological sciences project saw the completion of Gouaux Hall Room 301 over Spring Break, with the remaining classrooms in Gouaux and Kilgen Hall scheduled for installation immediately after the semester ends.

Randy provided an update on the Gros auditorium microphone system, noting that while installation occurred over Spring Break, an amplifier failed; the college has agreed to cover the cost for that replacement to finalize the project. It was confirmed that 20 new laptops were added to the library circulation pool, bringing the total to approximately 80 devices. Randy reminded the committee that any unfinished projects at the end of the fiscal year will automatically roll over to the next year.

Randy moved to the next order of business regarding the Prey software proposal. The software is an asset tracking service for library laptops that provides geolocation and remote locking capabilities. Adam Lamartina reported a successful trial where a stolen laptop was recovered using the software. After reviewing pricing for different terms, the committee discussed a three-year package costing approximately $2,548 per year. A motion to approve Prey software as a recurring expense was made by En Mao, with Jeanne Chiasson seconding the motion with it passing unanimously.

The proposed Technology Fee Budget for the upcoming fiscal year was presented and reviewed. The total projected revenue is $682,015.00, based on enrollment projections. Recurring expenses detailed in the budget include:

- **Salaries & Benefits:** Funding for two IT staff members and 9.9% of the Admin Program Specialist’s salary.
- **Student Labor:** Allocation set at $110,000.

- **Travel:** $8,000 reserved for professional development.
- **Cash Match:** $50,000 reserved for matching grant opportunities.
- **Recurring Services:** Includes Election Runner, Equipment Maintenance Labor Calls, Microsoft Office, Internet services, Network Equipment Maintenance fees, Zoom, WEPA, Various Server Licenses, Labstats, and SPSS.

A discussion was brought up by En Mao regarding the $10,000 annual fee for SPSS; Randy committed to providing more data on usage and exploring different pricing tiers. After all recurring expenses and the addition of the Prey software, the available balance for new projects is approximately $195,000. A motion to approve the proposed budget passed; En Mao motioned to approve the 2026-2027 budget with Jeanne Chaisson seconding the motion - there were no oppositions.

Under new business, the committee discussed long-term renovations for Gouaux Hall. It was clarified by Sam Cagle that while space may be rearranged for the Coastal Center or Max Charter school over the next three to five years, any technology purchased by the committee remains university property and will be redeployed if necessary.

Randy ended the meeting by thanking the committee for their time and service. Members were encouraged to consider returning for the next fiscal year. The meeting concluded at 2:33 PM.

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