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The Student Technology Fee Committee members represent students, faculty, administrators, and staff experts who work together to plan and manage the fee revenue collected as the "Educational Technology Fee". The committee met seven times during the academic year 2004-2005:

**July 13, 2004**  
**September 14, 2004**  
**November 16, 2004**  
**January 25, 2005**  
**February 22, 2005**  
**March 29, 2005**  
**May 3, 2005**

Meeting announcements, agendas and meeting notes are all provided via email to members and senior Downstate administrators. This sixth annual Report is the committee's yearly opportunity to inform the Downstate community of its activities in identifying, approving, allocating funds, and overseeing projects that benefit SUNY Downstate students.

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## Summary of Expenditures

The Student Technology Fund expenditures generated an additional \$160,000 in information and educational technology development and support at Downstate, while contributing \$120,000 for services in 2004/05.



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Since the beginning of the fee, it has contributed over \$600,000 and generated over \$900,000 worth of technology in service to our students for a total of 1.5 million dollars since 1999!

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The student councils and the Downstate administration identify members of the committee. If you are interested in becoming a member please inform your respective student council president. If you have comments or suggestions, you may speak with any member or email the chair, Dr. Richard Winant. The membership of the 04/05 committee was as follows:

- **Dr. Matthew Avitable**, *Director, Scientific Computing*
- **Wayne Blair**, *Student Rep, CHRP*
- **Mr. Bob Chai**, *Student Rep, Graduate School*
- **Mr. Rodney Coe**, *Student Rep, COM*
- **Mr Greg Conyers**, *Director, ECT*
- **Mr. Kezhi Dai**, *Grad Sch Rep*
- **Dr. Stan Friedman**, *Assoc Dean, COM*
- **Dr. Anne Ganzer**, *Faculty, CON*
- **James Jennings Jr.**, *Student Rep, COM*
- **Dr. Margaret Kaplan**, *Faculty, CHRP*
- **Dr. John Kubie**, *Faculty, COM*
- **Mr. Brett Laurance**, *Staff, ECT*
- **Mr. Chadde Levy**, *Student Rep, CHRP*
- **Mr. Hai Lin**, *Grad Sch Rep*
- **Ms. Ronda Malabe**, *Student Rep, CON*
- **Ms. Dorene Marinese**, *Student Rep, COM*
- **Dr. Andrea Markinson**, *Assistant Director, Library*
- **Mr. Joshua Mitgang**, *Student Rep, COM*
- **Dr. Dawn Morton-Rias**, *Dean, CHRP*
- **Mr. Bill Nichols**, *Deputy Controller*
- **Mr. Bert Robles**, *Chief Information Officer*
- **Mr. Jonathan Silverberg**, *Student Rep, COM*
- **Dr. Lorraine Terracina**, *VP, Student Affairs*
- **Ms. Joanne Tzanos**, *Student Rep, CHRP*
- **Mr. Franco Verde**, *Student Rep, COM*
- **Dr. Fred Volkert**, *Faculty, COM*
- **Mr. Charles Wang**, *Student Rep, COM*
- **Dr. Richard Winant**, *Director of Libraries*
- **Mr. Avraham Yarmove**, *Student Rep, COM*

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## Funded Projects

### The Five Year "Match Plan"

*In the last Annual Report (2003/04), we reported on the first year of a five year match program where the Student Technology Fee Committee submits a \$200,000 technology plan to Dr. Clinchy and Dr. Bradley for their approval. The match plan commits \$100,000 of Technology Fee funds with \$100,000 of administrative funding. The following projects were funded, in this, the second year of the five year Match program:*

### FUNDED PROGRAMS

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**Up-to-Date** (\$20,000 Stud Tech / \$10,000 Library allocated)  
A web-based Evidence Based Medicine informational database which supports the curriculum of the clinical years for the COM, PA, and Nurse Practitioner programs. The subscription ran from March 2002 until August 2003. The resource was used over 80,000 times in the first year.

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**Infoshare** (\$1,000 allocated)  
A web-based census tracking informational database which supports the curriculum of CON, MPH, and Family Practice.

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**MDConsult** (\$7,000 Stud Tech/\$15,000 COM/\$10,000 Library allocated)  
A web-based clinical information resource using electronic journals, textbooks, books, and patient education material accessed individually or via a search engine. COM, CHRP, CON students, and teaching faculty have passwords.

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**Lecture Hall upgrade** (\$9,000 allocated)

Auditorium LCD Projector with greater brightness and reliability was purchased and installed.

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**PRIME** (\$13,500 allocated)

PRIME is Downstate's Course Management System and serves all the colleges. It is based on Angel.

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**Annual Report and Other Committee Expenses**

(\$4,100 allocated)

Previous editions of the Annual Report were printed; this is the first distributed only via electronic format. The report is provided to all students, faculty, and senior administrators. The committee is provided with a hot meal during evening meetings. A part-time management staff member is funded.

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**Computer Assistants** (\$24,300 Learning Resource Center and \$13,000 Office of Educational Computing and Technology allocated)

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) and Office of Educational Computing and Technology (OECT) received funds from the Student Technology Fee Committee to hire computer assistants for direct student support. For OECT, this represented a third of a line to work with the student computer labs in the HSEB. For the LRC, the money was used to hire students to help other students with computer needs.

Students needing assistance are referred to the LRC, where computer support assistants are available for help on a one-on-one basis. Over 700 students received assistance with the Internet, Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Access, Lotus Notes, Scanning, and Slide Making. These resources, along with tutorial CDs, support the institution's "computer literacy" efforts.

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**7 Lecture Hall Projectors** (\$27,000 allocated)

This is part of the continuing upgrade of the Large Lecture Halls, Classrooms, and Auditorium. These projectors are bright enough to leave the lights on and still see the image, which helps with note taking.

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**30 Computer Chairs** (\$15,000 allocated)

This is the second of a three year program to replace all the computer chairs in the Library. The original chairs have served since 1991.

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**Wireless Upgrade** (\$26,607 allocated)

These funds served as a minor part of a larger institutional investment in a secure and upgraded wireless system for the campus.

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**30 PCs COM/CON Computer Labs** (\$29,000 allocated)

These computers are part of the three year lifecycle replacement in the College of Nursing and College of Medicine computing labs.

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**10 LCD Projectors COM** (\$32,031 allocated)

This is the second year of the planned equipping of the teaching labs with LCD projectors

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**12 PCs PC Training Rm (LRC)** (\$11,776 allocated)

This is the three year lifecycle upgrade for the PC Training Rooms located in the LRC

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**12NetPCs (\$11,776 allocated)**

These NetPCs are for additional student workstations in the LRC using CITRIX.

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**CON Lab/Library Pulls** (\$15, 296 allocated)

These pulls placed additional ports in student used areas.

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*Tech Fee committee projects identified separate from the "Match" plan.*

**Filemaker Pro** (\$739 allocated)  
**Fieldwork renewal** (\$280 allocated)  
**ECT/CHRP Computers** (\$5,800 allocated)  
**Gotham** (\$9,091 allocated)  
**11 Computer LRC** (\$11,776 allocated)  
**MACs ECT** (\$2,080 allocated)  
**1 computer LRC** (\$1,068 allocated)  
**Biomed** (\$150 allocated)  
**Central Stores** (437 allocated)  
**Yearbook ad** (\$400 allocated)  
**Tech Fee Stickers** (\$441 allocated)  
**ICON Netter Learning Systems** (\$675 allocated)  
**Nu VSION Technologies** (\$1,978 allocated)

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## Next Year's Match Projects

### Academic Computer Environment Project

The Student Technology Committee, working with senior members of Downstate's administration, constructed a 5-year plan for the expenditure of matching funds (\$100,000 Student Technology and \$100,000 Administration) to ensure information and educational technology support services can be upgraded and emerging technologies incorporated. The plan requires periodic progress reports to both the committee and administration and an annual review of the next year proposal. The 2005/06 plan will be reported to the students, faculty, and administration in next year's Annual Report.

- **Microsoft Licenses (240) \$14,000**
- **Spellchecking (200) \$3,000**
- **Lecture Hall Lectern Control Unit and lecterns (2) \$40,000**
- **High Level Printer (Grad School) covered**
- **ECT Support \$15,000**
- **MD Consult/UpToDate Project \$34,000 (COM \$15,000 and Library \$17,000)**
- **LRC Computer Support Assistants \$15,000**
- **LRC TV equipment (4) \$1,700**
- **Scanner for Grad Lab \$1,500**
- **9 LCD Projectors for the 5th floor \$30,000**
- **SPSS to computer labs and faculty CITRIX Lisc Pack with**

**Cal Lisc \$14,100**

•**Prime \$15,000**

•**LRC Scanner \$1,500**

•**Computer with CD Burner (LRC) \$1,500**

•**Computer chairs for LRC/24 hour access Rm/Faculty Resource Rm/Group Study (75) \$20,000 (Library and SCC \$21,000)**

**Total: \$204,800**

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The following has been approved for funding by the Student Technology Fee Committee during the 2005/06 year:

•**6 units of computer carts with LCDs \$17,000**

•**Lecture hearing assistance \$1,200** ( lecture hall 6, an additional \$7,000 will be requested, if the unit works as desired)

•**Diagnostic tapes \$2,000** (library will match \$2,300)

•**Computer replacement CHRP Lab (17) \$19,000**

• **CON Lab (8) \$9,000**

• **Informatics lab (8) \$9,000**

•**Optic mice (@ \$35 ea. with security amount to be determined)**

•**2 Canon video cameras a Imac G5 and drive \$3,200**

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**Student Technology Cash Balance**  
**July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005**

Beginning Cash Balance -- **\$60,816.87**

Revenue from fee -- **\$129,810.50**

Total Cash -- **\$190,627.37**

Expenditures -- **\$186,354.54**

Year End Cash Balance -- **\$4,272.83**

Total "Match" Funds -- **\$100,054.00**

**Total Student Technology Fee Committee programmed fund expenditure for 2004/05 was \$286,354.54.**

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