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ITEM 174-1015-R0317

Student Computer Fee Equipment Allocation: The University of Montana - Missoula

THAT

Consistent with the provisions of Board of Regents' Policy 940.23, the Board of Regents authorizes The University of Montana to expend Student Computer Fee funds for the following projects that exceed the local approval threshold:

Student Equipment

1. Student Access Points Subsidy - $140,000
SCF funds are allocated to IT for the specific ports that serve open access student computer lab areas throughout campus. The amount is based upon the current port fees, and the basis is for approximately 1,945 network ports at open access lab locations throughout the campus. The allocation has been in our request each year, and our fee committee has reviewed this allocation.

2. College of Humanities and Sciences Formula-Based Computer Equipment Funds Allocation - $86,967
SCF funds are distributed to colleges and schools across UM through a formula-based (based upon FTE students and majors) method for equipment replacement in open-access computer labs across each college or school. Once allocated, funds are expended through proposals to the fee committee for use if approved. H&S appears on the request because its formula-based allocation exceeds $25,000 due to its size.

4. Information Technology Computer Equipment Funds Allocation - $61,664
SCF funds are distributed to major non-teaching areas, such as IT and the library, through a set allocation based upon the number of open-access student computer labs that each unit supports. Once allocated, funds are expended through proposals to the fee committee for use if approved.

5. Mansfield Library Computer Equipment Funds Allocation - $26,207
Same as '3', above

6. Adobe CC, ArcGIS, SPSS - $27,500
Campus Wide contract for software, ongoing for the next three years. To be evaluated in year 2 of the contract.

EXPLANATION

Generally, at UM, the student-led Student Computer Fee Committee is actively reviewing proposals from across UM, looking at ways in which the fund allocations might work better to meet student goals across campus, and is looking at models for increasing the efficiency, desired effects, and transparency of the SCF processes.

Board of Regents' policy 940.23 requires Board approval of all expenditures over $25,000. The Student Computer Fee Committee, whose membership includes a minimum of 50% students as required by Board Policy, endorses this proposal.

ATTACHMENTS
None