

**University Libraries
Technology Fee - Systemic Project Proposal
FY 2010/2011**

This systemic proposal is for the purchase of 16 Dell Optiplex 980 PCs w/ 22 inch monitors for student use at the John C. Pace Library. It includes computer hardware, software, tables and chairs. The total one-time cost of this proposal is \$36,496.97

1. Description of initiative/investment to enhance instructional technology:

Although the Pace Library currently has 121 computers available to students, these are not enough to meet the computing demands of our growing student body. Daily, students stand in line waiting for a computer to be available to them. To alleviate this situation, we allow students to use the bibliographic instruction classroom, which has 21 computers, when classes are not scheduled. Students also stand in line waiting for one of the 30 computers on the second floor to be vacated. This proposal will fund sixteen computers to be collocated on the second floor, where we have space available and a network printer. The 30 additional computers in the Skylab are used continuously and we have yet to celebrate the grand opening. In the three weeks that the Skylab has been open, 2,080 students have used it. This is a testament to the need for increasing the computer density in the library. The libraries have a reputation for providing a student centered environment and our students increasingly select the libraries as a preferred study, computing and gathering place.

2. Description of how initiative has a college/unit-wide or university-wide scope:

The John C. Pace Library serves all of the students, across all disciplines taught in the University. And this proposal in particular will benefit all the students who physically visit the library by allowing for increased computing capacity. The John C. Pace Library was visited by 427,150 persons last year. While we cannot collect data on how many students actually use the public computer stations in the libraries (incompatibility with the University's Fish Net software), we do keep statistics on the printing that students do while at the library. During Jun 1, 2009 - Jul 1, 2010, the libraries' four PQA printers printed a total of 1,500,970 pages. By comparison, the total combined pages printed by all the other fifteen PQA printers at the Pensacola, Combs and the Emerald Coast campuses were 1,242,469. These statistics support the intense use of computers and printers by students at the libraries and helps to illustrate why we need additional computers.

3. Description of alignment with UWF Strategic Plan:

The University of West Florida's current mission statement (2008-2012) establishes a commitment to "empower each individual we serve with the knowledge and opportunity to contribute responsibly and creatively to a complex world." This proposal would directly empower our students to seek out knowledge and to contribute both responsibly and creatively by providing them with the technological tools that they need to support their research and education and the production of scholarly work. In regards to UWF's enduring values, this program increases the quality of services available to our students and helps to shape a caring learning environment that provides the tools necessary for the student's individual development. In addition, the UWF Libraries sixteen PCs proposal is in direct alignment with several specific portions of the University of West Florida Strategic Priorities and Measurable Achievements (2008-2012), including:

- Strategic Focus: High Quality Academic Programs:

The UWF Libraries’ computer proposal will provide students with much needed and requested additional computing capabilities in the library. Students congregate at the libraries for active engagement and learning activities that form a crucial part of the University’s strategic goals. The computers in this proposal will be used by students in support of their own academic careers.

- **Strategic Focus: Academic and Student Support Services:**
The UWF Libraries computer proposal will increase the quality of academic and student support services by providing students with increased access to computers. These additional computers will assist them in their academic endeavors.

4. Description of benefits provided:

This proposal directly benefits the students who are paying the technology fees. Students will see and use the computers every time they come to the library without having to wait in line. To ensure students are aware that the computers were purchased with the tech fees we will continue to place this watermark on the login screen in addition to the physical “Student Technology Fee at Work” label attached to the workstation:



5. Description of how success/impact will be measured:

The computer hardware and software and tables and chairs are tools and resources used by students in direct support of their learning. In September 2010, we conducted a survey asking UWF students what they wanted in the University Libraries. Of 124 respondents, 87.8% replied they wanted more computers -- only a quiet floor and more comfortable chairs rated higher. These responses are an indication that students are spending more and more of their time in the libraries and they know exactly what they want when they are here. We will measure success by conducting follow up surveys and focus groups. Increased computer density will result in increased visitors and we will track these statistics as well. The students love the libraries and continue to come here to meet not only their research and scholarly needs, but also their social and technological needs.

6. Detailed description of resources required including hardware and software requirements and personnel costs (faculty compensation is not an allowed cost):

Required Resources - \$36,496.97			
Item	Quantity	Cost per Item	Total Cost
Dell Optiplex 980 PCs w/ 22 inch monitors	16	\$1,391.19	\$22,259.04
8-port fast Ethernet switches and power strips	3	\$23.93 strips \$48.37switches	\$216.90

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DeepFreeze licenses with synchronized maintenance agreement	16	\$15.90 licenses \$2.97 maintenance	\$301.93
Tables	16	\$605.70	\$9,691.20
Chairs	16	\$251.80	\$4,028.80

7. Proposed timeline:

The infrastructure required in support of the sixteen PCs, i.e., physical space, electricity and dataports are already on site, therefore there are no additional time constraints due to construction, etc. The average delivery time for furniture and computer equipment and software is four weeks. Installation is two weeks. Therefore, once the grant is approved and the funds are available, the project should be completed within six weeks.

8. Plan for sustainability beyond conclusion of funding from technology fee, if applicable:

The sixteen PCs will fall into the life cycle upgrade process set-up last year for UWF student computer labs and awarded to ITS from the student tech fee for this purpose.

9. Resource matching commitments from other organizations/sources (identify organization and amounts), if applicable:

Not applicable

10. Individual responsible for reporting and accountability, along with contact information:

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