Tech Fee FAQ’s / Insight

Fall 2017
Context: Proposals vs Funding

- Average number of proposals is around 60
- Average number funded is 20-25
- Funding available: ~$750,000 / semester
- Up to 70% of funding supports teaching/technology lab refreshes
- Limiting factor in funding of the proposals: FUNDING
  - There are solid proposals that do not get funded due to finite funds.

- 1996: $35/semester;
- 2000-present: $60/semester
Committee Evaluation Criteria / Rubric

- **Student Impact (2 points)**
  - Number of students
  - Direct, positive enhancement to learning experience / outcomes

- **Department Impact (2 points)**
  - Positive impact to
  - Teaching/Learning focus (not administration, operations, research, …)

- **Cost / Budget (2 points)**
  - Cost/Benefit ratio
  - Alternative funding opportunities (is Tech Fee the right place to fund)?
  - Matching funds?

- **Commitment (2 points)**
  - Departmental / College commitment to sustainable funding (ongoing operational costs)

- **Importance (4 points)**
  - **Required** for a core curriculum course? (vs. “like-to-have” for elective course)
  - New offering
  - Criticality of proposal to achieving outcomes
Strengthening a proposal

- Matching Funds
  - In spring 2017, 66% of funded proposals had matching funds
- Broader utilization/availability to students
  - University > College > Department > Course(s)
- Verifiable access to as many students as possible
- Cross-department / Multi-department benefit
- Support from department head AND dean
- Focus on technology
- Initial, capital investments – not ongoing operational costs
Things that weaken a proposal

- Research proposals
- Anything that could be re-purposed for research
- “Shopping Lists”
- Request for funding consumables
- Technology with “short” life-span
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