

Student Tech Fee Council
Minutes
May 6, 2021
Via Microsoft Teams @1pm

Present: Bea Padilla, Christian Castilleja, Ashley-Sue Vizguerra, Alejandra Cruz, Yessica Baramuli Dylan Samson, Chris Schedler, Gerard Hogan, Ginny Tomlinson
Absent: Michael Berge, Joey Vossenhuhl, Lachlan Keenan
Guests: Toni Sipic, Han Donker, Marla Firman, Stacy Swayze, Mike Marchand
Minutes: Bea Padilla

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by the chair, Christian Castilleja.

Tech Fee Request- Han Donker: College of Business: \$15,000 for software

Han Donker and Toni Sipic from the College of Business are requesting funds to purchase a software called virtual analytics lab (VITAL). The Virtual lab will connect Ellensburg students to westside students so they can perform together in a collaborative space by using the same database. The database is called WRDS (Wharton research data services) they provide tools for students to collaborate together. This will be available for all CWU student use, currently students in finance and accounting club are using it and will manage investment portfolios and prepare investment proposals. The total cost is \$35,000. The Library has agreed to fund \$10,000, COB will fund \$10,000, and they are asking the council for the additional \$15,000 for the annual fee. This will help get access to more databases, the money will pay for the portal of access. Accounts will be created through students MyCWU login credentials. The Council tries to avoid specific college or student requests so that all students can use it, not just specific students. The council thinks this would be useful for students but would like to see statistics after one year to make sure it is being used.

MOTION: To fund the VITAL Software for 1 year and require statistics and usage data after one year.

MADE BY: Dylan Samson. **SECOND:** Christian Castilleja. **VOTE:** All in favor, motion carries.

Tech Fee Request- Mike Marchand: Information Services: \$155,000 for access point replacements

Mike and his team want to replace 130 access points on campus. They requested money to get help with this project, but this request competes with projects like leaking

roofs, that usually take priority. The access points have a 3-5-year life span, and they are reaching end of service date by the end of this year. Once they reach that point, they cannot support or get any firmware updates, this can cause security issues. Deploying new technology will work on new firmware but the old ones are incompatible. Access points were switched to student base used buildings, the Wi-Fi is mostly used by students, so this benefits them the most. The council agrees this is an important project, as most students have complained about Wi-Fi services on campus before. Unfortunately, due to budget cuts over the last year, they will not be able to fund this entire project at once.

MOTION: To fund 25% of the request (\$38,750) and use that money to upgrade the most used buildings on campus by students. Mike can come back in the fall and request additional funds if they need to.

MADE BY: Ashley-Sue Vizguerra. SECOND: Christian Castilleja. VOTE: All in favor, motion carries.

Tech Fee Request- Vicki Sannuto: Career Services: \$44,000 for software

Vicki came to the council on April 22nd and requested two software's, one for the Wildcat career network and the other for virtual fairs. The council does not have the budget to support both, but agree they are important for students. The total was \$39,000, but the council agrees the virtual career fairs are more important (\$24,000).

MOTION: To fund the career plus virtual fair software in the amount of 24,000.

MADE BY: Ashley-Sue Vizguerra. SECOND: Gerard Hogan. VOTE: All in favor, motion carries.

The current Budget is \$255,000. But that does not include the following request that were approved and will be taken out: Athletics: 9,700 COB: \$15,000, and Careers Services: \$24,000. The council will need to watch the budget closely as the year ends.

Ashley-Sue let the council know that the STFC Survey will be sent out today. Ashley also introduced the council to Alejandra Cruz; she will be sitting on the council next year.

The following students will be graduating and will no longer serve on the council: Lachlan, Christian, Ashley, and Michael. Bea will work with Peggy to get new members.

Voting

Michael Berge

Christian Castilleja

Ashley-Sue Vizguerra

Gerard Hogan

Chris Schedler

Lachlan Keenan

Yessica Baramuli

Joey Vossenkuhl

Dylan Samson

Non-Voting

Ginny Tomlinson

Bea Padilla