

Student Technology Fee Request for Funding

Project Title

Campus Library Student Laptop Replacement

Brief Project Overview

Students have exhibited an increasing demand for laptop computer access within the Campus Library and while on campus. With wireless network access throughout the Library and across campus, students can go online almost anywhere. Students working in groups are frequently in need of laptops for taking notes and collaborating on group projects. Students also will often check out a laptop and go in search of a quiet place to study inside the Library.

The Campus Library currently circulates 20 Library laptops. Twelve are for in-Library use only, and the other eight are for 72-hour checkout by students. Of these, 12 do not have built-in wireless access. Most of these laptops range from four to six years old and have long been out of warranty.

The wear and tear associated with many years of circulation has been manifesting itself during the last 2 years in the form of harder to read screens, unresponsive keyboards, failed hard drives, and virtually no battery life on any of these older machines. Additionally, the physical wear has resulted in batteries and drives that fall out, broken Ethernet ports that won't stay connected, and fractured wires on AC adaptors that present a shock hazard. The Library technical staff have done what they could to replace or repair these parts outside the warranty period, but due to their current state of deterioration, these older laptops will all be taken out of circulation and sent to surplus at the end of Spring quarter this year.

The Campus Library recently replaced eight (8) of the Library Use laptops and now seeks funding from UWB to replace three (3) of the remaining Library Use student laptops scheduled for surplus. We will also be submitting a Cascadia Student Technology Fee proposal to secure funding to replace four (4) more of the remaining Library laptops, for a total of 15.

The five laptops that the Campus Library funded will be designated as in-Library Use Only, and a total of ten (3 from the remaining newer laptops, plus the 7 being requested this year) will become the new 72-hour Take Home laptops. If the funding is approved from both campuses, students from CCC and UWB will have access to 5 in-Library laptops and 10 take-home Laptops which will be supported, maintained, and circulated at the expense of the Campus Library.

Full description of the project that includes the following sections:

A. The goal of the program or project

The goal of this program is to provide new replacement laptops as a resource for students to utilize in the pursuit of their education goal. Replacing our aging Library Use laptops with newer, lighter, faster ones that will be much more reliable and thus will spend much more time in available circulation than the old ones did.

This will enable the Campus Library to continue to provide hardware that is reliable and capable of running the next generation of software, as well as reduce the frustrations encountered by students using equipment that is extremely outdated.

B. A description of the program and how it will benefit the student body

The benefit of this program to the student body will be reliable new laptops available for both take-home and in-Library use. These laptops will also be capable of running Windows Vista, the next generation Operating System for PC's.

C. Specific information about the equipment and/or services being requested

Dell Latitude D410	1.86 GHz Pentium M
12.1" XGA LCD display	40 GB Hard Drive
1 GB RAM	56K Modem
8x DVD+/-RW Drive	Floppy Drive
Dual Band Wireless	Carrying Case

3-year warranty with Complete Care coverage for accidental damage or typical wear.

D. How the project will be implemented and by whom

The implementation of this project will be handled completely by the Library Technology Services staff within the Campus Library. Library Technology Services will purchase, configure and maintain the Library laptops. Reference librarians, Student Technology Consultants and other Library staff will provide assistance for student use and circulation of the laptops. The Campus Library agrees to incur related ongoing costs for providing these services, such as those associated with technical support, maintenance and user education.

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Campus Library 358550

Name of Department (if applicable), and Campus Mailbox Number

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\$5,793

Total amount requested

Co-sponsors if any

ITEM (complete description, type of product, quantity)*	Unit Cost	Full Cost
Dell D410 Laptop (Quantity=3)	\$1,931	\$5,793
1.86 GHz Pentium M 12.1" XGA LCD display 1 GB RAM 8x DVD+/-RW Drive Dual Band Wireless 3-year warranty with Complete Care coverage for accidental damage or simple wear.	40 GB Hard Drive 56K Modem Floppy Drive Carrying Case	
TOTAL		\$5,793

* This page is a crucial portion of your funding request. Items have to be described in detail, the number of people who this event will serve, quantity and cost of each item, etc. Pricing must be supported by additional documentation from the organization providing the items. Please be specific when listing costs, otherwise your request might not be granted.