

Standing Committee Annual Report

Name of Committee or Council:

TAF Allocation Committee

Chair

Frank E. Parcels

Meeting Dates in Current Year:

Many on TU/TH at 1:30 PM Meeting
Schedule

Major Actions or Accomplishments:

The TAF Allocation Committee met for the first year under its new charter (formerly the Technology Committee) and first reviewed left-over funds from AY 2016-17 and distributed those to non-funded TAF proposals and use for the Office of Information Technology projects to benefit APSU students.

The Committee's new charge as the TAF Allocation Committee was to provide funding for technologies that would most benefit learning and APSU students.

We then initiated a Web form system for proposing TAF projects for the AY 2017-18 and collected those in November which was earlier than in previous years. This was done to insure adequate time to notify all award recipients earlier in the Spring 2017 semester.

The Committee worked through numerous proposals and awarded TAF funds for the Ft. Campbell Campus first followed by the Main Campus. We were careful to leave ample funds for the ongoing funding required by TAF monies (OIT network projects within the 50% TAF limitation retained from the TBR and OIT software requirements, computer lab student help and supplies, multimedia classrooms updates, computer lab updates and conversions to virtual technology labs, in addition to the committee approval of ongoing campus-wide funding for the Adobe Creative Cloud software.

The Adobe Creative Cloud is to remain an ongoing, annual campus-wide software purchase with sufficient licenses to cover the Department of Computer Science and Information Technology, Communication Department, and the Art and Design Department needs for instruction areas such as web design, audio and video production, graphic design, photography, and desktop publishing for newsletters, newspapers and print advertising. Further, this funding is also provided for the campus newspaper, Office of Student Life, the Office of Public Relations and Marketing, the Office of Distance Learning, and other campus units where there is student benefit for the software.