

Standing Committee Annual Report – FY20

Name of Committee or Council:

Technology Access Fee Allocation Committee

Chair:

- David Sanchez, Associate Vice President/CIO Information Technology, Co-chair
- John Nicholson, Associate Professor, Faculty Representative, Co-chair

Meeting Dates in Current Year:

Thursday, October 31, 2019
Friday, March 20, 2020
Friday, March 27, 2020
Friday, April 3, 2020
Friday, April 17, 2020
Friday, April 24, 2020

Major Actions or Accomplishments:

- Propose increase to Technology Access Fee (TAF) - APSU has not increased TAF in many years. TAF analysis showed TAF increases among other schools such as APSU's equivalents UT Chattanooga and UT Martin. A proposal to request a TAF increase of \$130 per semester (\$17.50/credit hour) was submitted during budget process but was not approved.
- TAF previously provided \$100,000 funding for Faculty Technology Innovation Grants (four grants at \$25,000 each chosen from proposal submissions approved by the committee). Due to limited funds available for allocating project proposals, the committee agreed to dissolve the Faculty Technology Innovation Grants and proposed technology innovation projects follow the same process as other proposal submissions.
- TAF grant (\$6,750) received for College of Education to fund scholarships for aspiring assistant principals. Committee agreed to hold this allocation if collected based on fall enrollment. If the funds are not spent, they can be added to carryforward funds for next fiscal year.
- Preliminary budget for TAF 2020-2021 – TAF revenue is projected and funds cannot be spent if fees are not collected. The estimated revenue puts the TAF budget in a good situation, however, the COVID-19 health crisis could have a negative effect on summer term enrollment. If enrollment is normal the TAF budget will be fine. If enrollment is lower than expected, the TAF budget will be affected. .
- TAF proposals for FY20 were reviewed by the committee but due to the uncertainty of the TAF budget, the committee agreed to tentatively approve proposals and delay proposal notifications until the effects of summer enrollment can be determined. This delay should not cause any major issues with procurements because TAF funds do not become available until after July 1, 2020.