

2003-2004 Technology Fee Report Fletcher Computer Lab (Fletcher 111)

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Brief Description of Project

Funding through the technology fee was sought, to upgrade the computers in the Computer Lab. The goal was to replace one third of the current computers, which were purchased in 2001; and were approaching warranty expiry. Also, funding would be needed for upgrades to current computers, as well as out of warranty repairs.

Goals

- Provide students with access to current technology
- Reduce costs associated with out of warranty part purchases
- Provide for the upkeep and maintenance of current computers

Project Status

Fletcher 311 is open 7 days a week for student usage.

Costs

Computers	\$	49,587.40
Installation/Miscellaneous	\$	89.84
Parts and Repairs	\$	2254.12
Total	\$	52,201.36

- Lab Worker compensation was covered out of the COBA budget.

Evaluation and Conclusion

We were able to replace twenty-five computers in the Computer Lab. These computers were available starting in the Fall of 2003 for general student use. Additionally, we were able to upgrade ten computers, as well as miscellaneous parts for routine maintenance were purchased. The Computer Lab saw its busiest year in 2003-2004. Student usage during the fall and spring averaged 250 visits per day. We were also able to partner with other units on campus, and other organizations such as the Youth University, Freshmen Seminar classes, spillover for registration, IRS tax training seminars, CPA exam preparation classes, and others. We feel the Computer Lab has been a tremendous asset to students. Printing costs, however, continued to soar, with roughly \$22,000 covered out of the COBA budget, fiscal year ending July 2004.