

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Student Technology Fee Funding Report (2004-2005)

Title: Wireless Laptop “Loan and Roam” Service, Replacement Project
Unit Submitting: Lupton Library
Requested Funding: \$59,200.00_
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Project Summary:

This project was intended to replace 18 wireless laptop computers, which circulate to UTC students and employees for in-library use only. These laptops allowed wireless access to the Internet from anywhere in the Library, and included the Microsoft Office productivity suite, including Word, PowerPoint, and Excel. The original 18 laptops were purchased in 2001 and unable to efficiently run modern operating systems and applications, including Windows XP.

During the summer of 2005, 26 new Dell Latitude 110L laptop computers were purchased-- 24 for regular circulation, with 2 would be reserved as spares for testing and maintenance purposes. These laptops were deployed for public use by the end of August 2005.

Financial Information:

Student Technology Fee funding for the amount of \$59,200 was awarded to the Library in August 2005, and was used to make these purchases.

Please see the attached excel spreadsheet for the financial details regarding purchases and spending.

Please note that the Library is returning \$21,260.59 to the Technology Committee for reallocation due to price decreases between the time of grant submission and actual purchase.

Success Measures:

One measure of success is that the Library Laptop Program grew exponentially in popularity in the past academic year, with circulation more than doubling! While the number of laptops available for circulation increased from 18 to 24, the usage of the laptops has increased to a much greater extent.

| | 2002-2003 | 2003-2004 | 2004-2005 | 2005-2006 |
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| Number of Circulations | 463 | 3,644 | 3,577 | 7,913 |