Student Technology Fee Plan

Louisiana State University Health Science Center

School of Allied Health

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The Student Technology Fee at Louisiana State University Health Science Center is dedicated to the acquisition, installation, maintenance, and intelligent use of state-of-the-art technology solely for the purpose of supporting and enhancing student life and learning and of preparing graduates for the workplaces of the twenty-first century.

DEFINITION:

The term "technology" or "technologies" in this document denotes computer hardware and software (and the networking and supporting computer and telecommunications infrastructure), laboratory instruments, and discipline-specific equipment, including, but not limited to, such items as scales, treadmills, microscopes, musical instruments, and kilns.

SCOPE:

Student Technology fees will be school specific for assessment and expense distribution.

STRATEGIC GOALS OF THE STUDENT TECHNOLOGY FEE PROGRAM:

Strategic Goal 1:

To provide students with access to, and training in, information technology and discipline-specific equipment that represents the current state of the art.

Objective 1.1.

To provide public access computers with up-to-date software as well as network and Internet connections in a ratio of no less than one for every ten students.

Objective 1.2.

To provide state-of-the-art multi-media classrooms in no less than 50% of the general use classrooms on campus (the term "multi-media classrooms" does not necessarily denote on-line network connections at every classroom seat, but instead denotes the most appropriate instructional technologies for particular classrooms).

Objective 1.3.

To ensure that instructional laboratories and studios are equipped with the most current equipment appropriate to teaching and learning in the various disciplines of the University.

Objective 1.4.

To provide appropriate state-of-the-art technology to student services that directly support student life and learning.

PROCEDURES AND POLICIES:

Authorization:
The Student Technology Fee funds will be supplemental to currently allocated funds for technology. This fee will enhance, not replace. Under the provisions of the enabling legislation (House Bill 2339; R.S.17:3351.1), assessment of the Student Technology Fee may be terminated by a two-thirds vote of the members of the governing board of the Student Government and a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors. Consistent with the Constitution of the Student Government of LSUHSC, recession would also require a majority vote of students voting.

Fee Assessment:
The Student Technology Fee shall be five dollars ($5) per credit hour for up to 15 semester credit hours per semester, and no fee shall be charged to an individual student during a given semester for semester credit hours in excess of 15.

Administration:
A committee chaired by Interim Dean Erin M. Dugan shall oversee The Student Technology Fee Program. The committee also contains Ms. Yahaira Amaya as Interim Assistant Dean for Finance, Mr. Quang Tran, Information Technologist Specialist, the President of the SGA, and representatives from each of the disciplines Physical therapy, Occupational Therapy, Cardiopulmonary Science, Communication Disorders, Clinical Laboratory Science, Clinical Rehabilitation and Counseling, and Physician Assistant Studies. Business will be considered at Student Technology Fee Oversight Committee meetings.

Proposals:
Each proposal for use of the Student Technology Fee must specify which of the goals and objectives of the *Student Technology Fee Plan* would be advanced were the proposal to be implemented. Each proposal must also specify the primary and secondary beneficiaries among the student population. Proposals may include Student Technology Fee funds as leverage for gaining additional funds (e.g., as matching funds in grant applications) provided that sums substantially in excess of those requested from the Student Technology Fee revenues would be invested in conformity with the goals, objectives, policies, and procedures of the *Student Technology Fee Plan*. The Student Technology Fee Oversight Committee may appoint Technical Review Committees as appropriate to assist in the evaluation of proposals. The Student Technology Fee Oversight Committee shall recommend to the Dean of the School of Allied Health the approval or disapproval of specific proposals.

Expenditures:
No expenditures shall be made from the Student Technology Fee Fund except as authorized in the annual Student Technology Fee Program budget recommended by the Dean of the School of Allied Health. By a simple majority vote of the members of the Student Technology Fee Oversight Committee, followed by the

approval of the Dean and the Chancellor, up to 40% of the revenue stream generated by the Student Technology Fee may be used to secure credit arrangements.

Auditing and Evaluation:
All funds generated by the Student Technology Fee shall be placed in a University account strictly restricting expenditures to those in full compliance with the *Student Technology Fee Plan*. The Health Sciences Center will provide fiscal and compliance audits of the Student Technology Fee Program and will regularly evaluate the effectiveness of the program. The results of these evaluations will be reported to the Student Government and other Health Sciences Center governance bodies. The Student Technology Fee monies shall not be used to assess the effectiveness of the Student Technology Fee Program.

Amendment of the Student Technology Fee Plan:
The Student Technology Fee Plan may be amended only upon a vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the Student Technology Fee Oversight Committee.