

Initiative Report for Women's Prgm 2009-10

Increase Number of Student Computers in Women's Center

Summary:

The Women's Center is requesting 3 additional computers for students to use. We are requesting this addition via the Tech Fee and/or via the repurposing of existing equipment previously purchased with Tech Fees.

Description

The Women's Center currently has 3 computers and one printer for the students to use. These are provided and maintained as a mini student lab. Often all three are being used so we limit the students to 30 minutes of use if someone is waiting. Our goal is to improve access and decrease wait times.

In 2008 there were 6,159 people who used the 3 Women's Center computers. That is an average of 513 per month, with a high of 721 who used them in October, 2008.

We are open to the public 42 hours a week, including some early evening hours. The computers are available all those hours.

The Center work study students and front desk receptionist are available to help people learn how to use the internet, Express Lane, Moodle, Word and to coach them on basic navigational skills.

In addition, we have added a CTE advisor who provides training and information to students regarding on line resources and career pathways exploration and have added a hybrid section of Women in Transitions in which part of the class is done on line using Moodle. Both of these activities have placed additional demand on computer access in the Center.

Questions and Answers

How is the initiative linked to the Unit Plans most recently submitted?

- 1. How does it continue the achievement of those goals?**
- 2. If this is a continuation of an initiative started last year, make sure that relationship is clear.**

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Providing access to computers is a support service to all students, including the Women in Transition students. Women in Transition is an initiative that is ranked 1 by the Women's Program each year in the UP process.

Previous unit plan initiatives resulted the development and implementation of a hybrid section of Transitions, and in having a CTE advisor available to Transitions Students. The CTE advisor provides additional career exploration activities to the general student population as well as Transition students. These activities include on line career pathways exploration and access to on line resources. These activities and the implementation of the hybrid class, along with increased enrollment overall, has increased demand for computer access in the Center. Since open labs elsewhere on campus have closed or reduced hours, we expect this demand to continue to grow.

Describe the resources needed:

Requesting 3 flat screen monitors, keyboards and CPUs, staff time for installation and any required software, service plans or other items that would be necessary to provide computer access in the Women's Center.

Not to exceed 8500

What specific measurable program outcomes do you expect to achieve with this initiative? The outcomes should be specific enough to be measurable. Also, outline the method that will be used to determine the results.

Improved access to resources for student use measured my monthly usage data. Would expect to see computer use in the Center to increase by at least 75 percent.

Department Priority:

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Unit Resources:

Student workers and staff already assist students with computer access, FAFSA questions and ExpressLane. This support would continue at the current level with the additional computers.

Funding Request: Carl Perkins

Funding Request: Curriculum Development

Funding Request: Technology Fee

1. Category of request

- **Maintain existing technology**
- **Increase student access to technology**
- **New technology**

Please type in the category of the request in the field below.

increase student access to technology

2. Campus location

- **Main Campus**
- **Downtown Center**
- **Florence**
- **Cottage Grove**
- **CLC (list specific locations)**

Please type in the location of the request in the field below.

main campus

3. Names of the person(s) with more information (if needed):

Barbara Delansky
Jill Bradley

4a. Budget ORGN

550100

4b. Budget PROG

310000

5.How many students will benefit per year?

In 2008 there were 6,159 people who used the 3 Women's Center computers. That is an average of 513 per month, with a high of 721 who used them in October, 2008. With additional computers available we would expect to see an increase usage of 50 to 75 percent, or close to 10,000 users per year.

6. Describe the benefit?

Students would be able to access computers for career pathways exploration and research, complete assignments, complete FAFSA applications and check status of financial aid, registration and student accounts, e-mail etc. Staff and student workers are available to assist students who need additional help in learning how to navigate through various screens, do searches and check their records.

COMPUTER HARDWARE \$

7500

COMPUTER SOFTWARE \$

STAFFING \$

INSTALLATION \$

500

LICENSING \$

500

Can this initiative be partially funded?

No

COMPUTER HARDWARE \$

(CH) Explanation of effect of partial funding:

COMPUTER SOFTWARE \$

(CS) Explanation of effect of partial funding:

STAFFING \$

(S) Explanation of effect of partial funding:

INSTALLATION \$

(I) Explanation of effect of partial funding:

LICENSING \$

(L) Explanation of effect of partial funding: