

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER
USE OF THE TECHNOLOGY FEE

BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

In December of 1999, the Board of Regents approved the collection of a \$4.00 per credit hour Technology Fee. The fee was intended to be retained by the institutions, and expended on technology necessary for the betterment of students. The fee was subsequently implemented in the Spring of 2000. In the period of time in which the fee has been in effect, the Board's intent for expending the funds was never formalized. As a result, NSHE's Internal Auditors do not have a mechanism for measuring the extent to which the institutions conformed with the Board's intent in expending the retained Technology Fee collected from the students.

The procedure formalizes the intended use of the \$4.00 per credit Technology Fee collected from students at registration and retained by the NSHE institutions.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

Request approval of the attached policy to formalize the intended use of the Technology Fee in Title 4, Chapter 10 of the Board *Handbook*.

IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

Provide NSHE's Internal Audit with sufficient documentation to measure conformance with the Board's intent with respect to institutional expenditures associated with the retained Technology Fee.

BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

The policy was developed by the Business Officers Council and has been discussed and approved by System Legal Counsel, the Council of Presidents, and the Chancellor's Cabinet.

Questions concerning the justification of expenditures from this source will be directed to the institutional Chief Financial Officer and the institutional Chief Technical/Information Officer for the final documented resolution. Each institution will annually report the use of the funds to its student government organization and the Chancellor's Office.

POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

None have been brought forward.

ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:

None

COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____
 Amends Current Board Policy: Title 4, Chapter 10, new Section 12
 Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # _____ Section # _____
 Other: _____
 Fiscal Impact: Yes _____ No _____
Explain: _____

POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 10, *new* SECTION 12
Use of the Technology Fee

Additions in *boldface italics*; deletions ~~stricken~~

INSERT THE FOLLOWING NEW SECTION 12 AT TITLE 4, CHAPTER 10 AS FOLLOWS:

Section 12. Use of the Technology Fee

Funds generated by the Technology Fee established in Title 4, Chapter 17, must be used directly for the betterment of the students' educational experience. Funds may be used for any technology-related expenditure, including, but not limited to equipment, associated software and licensing, Internet and Web-related support, user services/help desk support, lab support, lab coordinators and assistants, electronic library media, enhanced instructional technology for classrooms and labs, and distance education/interactive video equipment and facilitators. Each institution shall report annually the use of technology fee-generated funds to its student government organization and the Chancellor's Office.

RENUMBER EXISTING SECTIONS 12 THROUGH 25 AS SECTIONS 13 THROUGH 26.