

SLA Technology Committee response concerning the Redirection of Student Technology Fee Revenue at IUPUI

Resolved:

Whereas feedback from School of Liberal Arts faculty and students has been extremely positive with regard to the current organization and support of teaching and learning with technology as funded through the student technology fees, and

Whereas we are in total agreement with Dean Blomquist's very positive assessment of current operations as documented in his February 18th, 2009 memo to the Vice President and Associate Vice President for Information Technology, and

Whereas our current technology support staff are uniquely skilled and qualified to attend to the highly diverse needs of the School of Liberal Arts, and

Whereas we believe that the student technology fees are being appropriately spent to support student learning,

We resolve that the proposal for UITs to expropriate the remaining portion of the technology fees paid by our students is unnecessary and potentially detrimental to our academic mission. We disagree with the premise inherent in the UITs proposal that the current services provided by the School of Liberal Arts require improvement.

Furthermore, we deplore this abrogation of faculty consultation and call upon the Chancellor and President and others in charge to rescind this decision until the voices of faculty, staff, and students are heard.