

Technology Fee Overview

- Background
- Annual Process

Mandatory Student Fee Advisory Committee

November 6th, 2024

TECHNOLOGY FEE BACKGROUND

A mandatory fee assessed to all enrolled for-credit students regardless of hours enrolled. The fee supports and enhances technology for the education of GT students.

- Current Fee for FY 25: \$107/semester regardless of student type
 - Last increase was \$4 in Fall 2010
- Allocation of tech fee funds are done via formula and competitive proposal awards made by committees (FY 25 Atlanta Campus \$6.4M and Non-Atlanta Campus \$5.6M)
- How does the GT Tech Fee (\$107) compare to:
 - Other USG schools
 - Tech Fee is higher at 2 other USG universities (UGA \$114 and Augusta \$110)
 - Lowest Tech Fee in USG is \$40 (Atlanta Metro and Georgia Gwinnett College)
 - About 70% of USG schools are in the \$50 to \$100 range

TECHNOLOGY FEE BACKGROUND (CONT.)

- Allowable Use:
 1. Technology fees support and supplement normal levels of technology spending.
 2. Fee usage must relate to academic outcomes or instructional objectives and benefit students. Examples of past uses for tech fee includes pc's for undergraduate teaching labs and upgrade to digital technologies for instructional laboratories.
- Other tech fee funding aspects:
 1. Proposals can be fully or partially funded (based on usage or ranking)
 2. Departments are required to report on actual use/impact

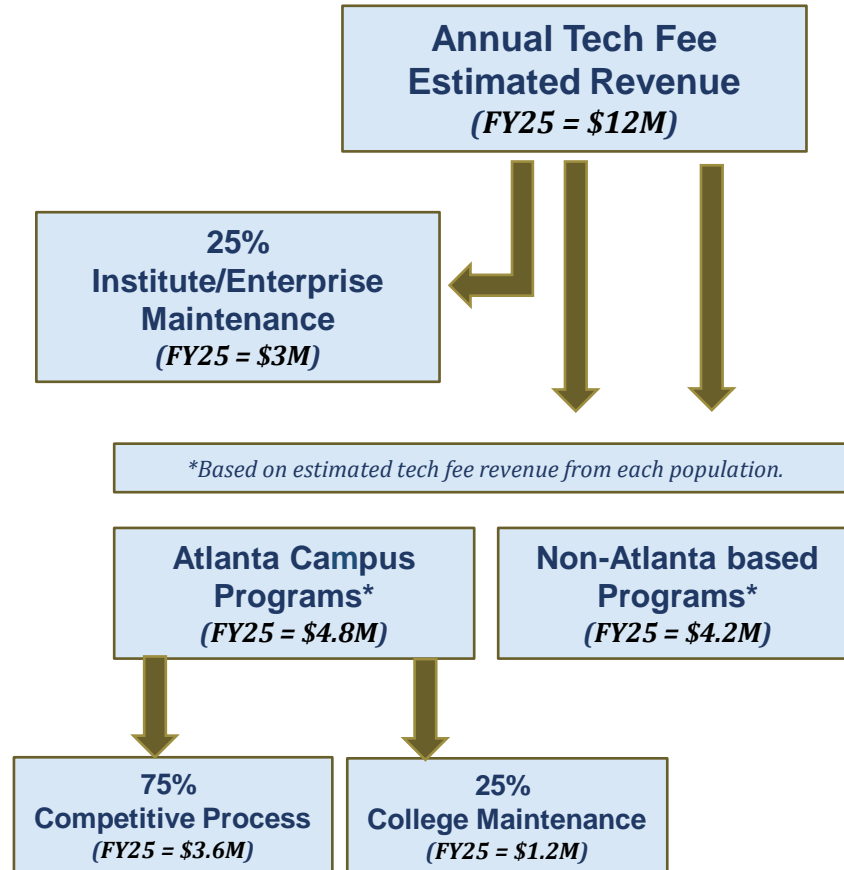
TECH FEE PROCESS TIMELINE

- December-February
 - Proposal solicitation and preparation
- March
 - Atlanta Campus proposals due
 - Non-Atlanta Campus proposals due
- March-April
 - Tech Fee Allocation Advisory Committee (TFAAC) members independently review Atlanta Campus proposals
 - TFAAC meet to collectively review, grade and rank proposals
 - Feedback can be requested on certain proposals to finalize rankings
- May
 - Non-Atlanta committee reviews and ranks proposals
- June-August
 - Recommendations are submitted to the provost for approval
 - Allocations are communicated and awarded to recipients
- October – Follow-up reports on previous year usage

TECH FEE PROCESS SUPPORT

- Provost Office role:
 - Charges the committee each year
 - Provides representation to the Non-Atlanta Campus Committee
 - Has final approval of all recommendations of both committees
 - Direct long-term funding needs/strategies
 - Liaison to the Executive Leadership Team
- Budget Office/Institute Finance Support Role:
 - Provide administrative support to the Atlanta Campus Committee
 - Provide representation and administrative support to the Non-Atlanta Campus Committee
 - Manage proposals and the evaluation process and consults with Co-chairs

Overview of Technology Fee Allocation Process



Process changes (2016):

- Separated process for Atlanta Campus vs Non-Atlanta Campus
- Baseline allocation to academic units
- Increased Atlanta Campus Committee representation:
 - 7 faculty – one from each college appointed by each Dean
 - 7 students chosen by SGA
 - OIT and Library – ex officio
- Follow up survey on process change was very positive

Questions?