

Technology Fee Overview

- Background
- Annual Process

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TECHNOLOGY FEE BACKGROUND

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

- Current Fee for FY 24: \$107/semester regardless of student type
 - Last increase was \$4 in Fall 2010
 - New USG methodology could increase fee to \$119 for FT and reduce to \$59.50 for PT
- Allocation of tech fee funds are done via formula and competitive proposal awards by committees (FY 24 Atlanta Campus \$6.2M and Non-Atlanta Campus \$5.1M)
- 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 76% of USG schools are in the \$50 to \$100 range
 - Peers
 - One as high as \$230 (Carnegie-Mellon) and one as low as \$42 (VT)
 - GT is about at the median based on recent research

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 partially funded (based on usage or ranking)
 2. Departments are required to report on actual use/impact

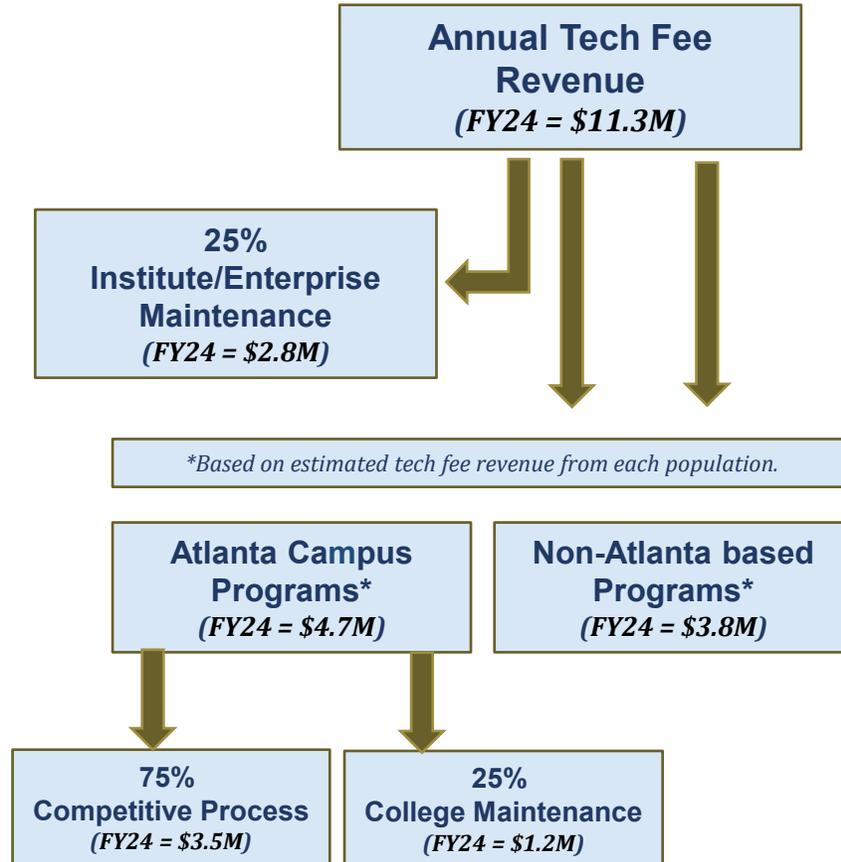
TECH FEE PROCESS TIMELINE

- 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 meetings to collectively review, grade and rank proposals
 - Feedback requested on proposals to finalize rankings
- May
 - Non-Atlanta group reviews and ranks proposals
- June-July
 - Recommendations submitted to the provost for final decisions
 - Allocations are communicated and awarded to recipients
- October – Follow-up reports on previous year

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 Role:
 - Provide administrative support to the Atlanta Campus Committee
 - Provide representation and administrative support to the Non-Atlanta Campus Committee
 - Manage proposal and 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 Dean's Office
 - 7 students chosen by SGA
 - OIT and Library – ex officio
- Follow up survey was very positive

Questions?