Automated Services and Computer Access Fee

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What is it?

- ASF – Automated Services and Computer Access Fee – Each student who registers at UTSA is required to pay a $25 per semester-credit-hour charge. The minimum charge is $100, and the maximum charge is $300 per semester. This fee is to defray costs associated with managing, maintaining, upgrading, and general operations of the University’s technology infrastructure, electronic resources and online services.
History

- Fall 1990 (established): $2/sch
- Fall 1991: $3/sch
- Fall 1993: $5/sch
- Fall 1994: $6/sch
- Fall 1995: $8/sch
- Fall 1997: $10/sch
- Fall 1999: $12/sch
- Spring 2000: $14/sch
- Fall 2002: $15/sch
- Fall 2003: $18/sch
- Fall 2004: $21/sch
- Fall 2005: $22/sch
- Fall 2006: $23.85/sch
- Fall 2007: $25/sch (FY08)
What Does it Support (example)

• Network Maintenance and Upgrades
  – Both wired and wireless
• Classroom Technology
• Student Information System (ASAP)
• MyApps
  – Acrobat Reader DC, Microsoft Office 2016, ArcGIS, ChemDraw, MathCAD, Mathematica, MatLab, SolidWorks, AMOS, SPSS, SAS, Maple, JMP
• Support Staff
• Student Labs
• Cybersecurity initiatives
Challenges

• Future network upgrade
• Continued wireless upgrade requirements – beyond our existing
• New classrooms being added and we have to support them
• Requests for extended classroom hours (early mornings, late nights, weekends)
• Continued additions to security requirements (desktop encryption, etc.)
• Movement to cloud services
• Classroom capture campus wide
• IT Research support
Challenges (cont.)

• Keeping talented young staff
  – Aging work force

• Annually operating in the RED.
  – Current fiscal year projecting $500K shortfall
  – FY19 projecting $1.4 mil shortfall
  – Surviving using reserve money
  – Out of reserve money by FY22
Importance

- Student Success absolutely depends on having reliable and robust technology such as network and computer systems.
- Unless budget shortfall is addressed the ability to continually provide such reliable, robust systems will be dramatically impacted.
Options

• Option 1 – remove 12 hour max.
  – On average slightly more than 13,000 students impacted
  – Increase range from $25 to $200 per semester
  – Median increase $75 (15 hours) per semester
  – Estimated additional annual revenue $1.75 mil

• Option 2 – Increase current fee $3
  – Keep 4 hr min and 12 hr max
  – Increase range from $12 to $36 per semester
  – Estimated additional annual revenue $1.9 mil
We recommend Option 2

– Cost for technology shared by all students
– Does not penalize those students wishing to take more than 12 hours
  • Leads to faster graduation
– Least overall financial impact to students
– Yields a balance of $300k-$500k annually for implementation of new services or upgrades of existing services.
Questions?