Proposal for the Use of the FY2001 Technology Fee
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1. Executive Summary

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2. Project Description

Supported by a federal PT3 (Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology) grant received by the College of Education, the Department will implement WEBCT in its two introductory classes beginning fall semester. These two classes (American Government and Global Affairs) are in the core curriculum. About 2,000 students are registered in these classes each semester. Faculty members will need considerable assistance as most of these students are taught in classes of 100 plus students. In particular, they will need help in getting students on-line and assisting students in working through technical problems as they use WEBCT. The Department seeks support for two graduate laboratory assistants for this purpose. In addition, the Department seeks two computers for the use of these assistants, funds for on-line connections and a laptop computer for classroom use. Funding from the grant will not meet these needs, but focuses primarily on course development.

3. Relevance to Regents Guidelines

The assistance provided will be to students as they seek to meet the requirements of their courses using WEBCT. This is the goal of the first paragraph of the guidelines. In addition, GSU is placing significant efforts into WEBCT development.

4. Justification of One-time Funding Requirements

The graduate assistants will need two personal computers and a laptop for classroom demonstrations. The computers will need to be network connected. Total cost: computers - $6,000 and connection $1,000.

5. Continuing Funding Requirements

As the students who take these courses are generally freshman and sophomores, they are not likely to be familiar with WEBCT. Assistance provided at this level will enable the students to use WEBCT in upper level courses. However, we do not expect students in these courses to have had much experience. So, the need should be ongoing; at least, until high schools incorporate WEBCT.
Total cost per annum:

Two Graduate Assistants $30,000
Replacement of Computers $2,000

6. Accountability of Funds

Graduate students will be expected to work hours prescribed and will be accountable to business manager.

7. Additional Funding Required, Non-Technology Fee

None

8. Impact on Computing/Network Infrastructure

None expected.