DEPARTMENT: Computer Information Technology
PROGRAM: Computer User Support (CUS) Degree   **3/16/2005**

TITLE: Honoraria   Priority: 26

Describe Initiative: Honoraria to bring experts in the field of computer user support and related fields as guest speakers. Honoraria are envisioned at a symbolic level, e.g. $100 for a class hour.

Why do it? To provide students with the opportunity to interact directly with professionals in their field. To involve professionals in the field more closely with our program.

What will the outcome of the initiative be? Courses in the CUS program will be strengthened by bringing expertise from the field into the classroom. The program as a whole will be strengthened by building ties with local experts in the field.

Is it feasible? Yes. We have an advisory committee that we can begin with. Some of our part-time instructors also work in the field.

What would be the campus location of this request/project? In the CIT department classrooms and labs.

How many students (per year) will benefit? The CUS program has about 20-30 majors per year.

How will students benefit? From the opportunity to interact directly with professionals from the field.

Describe Resources needed:
        Example: If honoraria were $100 each, then $1000 could bring ten guests over a year.

List Possible Funding Sources:
        General Fund request in next year's budget.

Provide ORG & PROG codes

How does project articulate with college's Vision, Mission and Goals and contribute toward meeting the President's/Board's approved goals?
This initiative directly supports the college's Mission to provide quality Professional Technical degree programs. This initiative is an example of the Learning Core Value by working together to create a learning-centered environment, of the Innovation Core Value by creativity and experimentation to provide better support for students, of the Collaboration and Partnership Core Value by encouraging and expanding partnerships with organizations in the community.