

IT 2011-12

Academic Technology - Open Lab and Testing Facility Project

Summary:

Open Lab Facility

Academic Technology will actively campaign for a dedicated Open Computer Lab facility. The previous Open Lab was closed during bond construction (Bldg. 4), and was merged with the Library. To date, the merger has not been successful - leaving the Library, Academic Technology, and student patrons displeased and frustrated. All parties agree, a dedicated open computer lab is desperately needed.

Testing Center Consolidation

Academic Technology will actively campaign for the creation of a centralized testing center to serve all departments and programs. This plays a critical role in the online teaching and learning mission, and would establish a widely desired service around campus. There are current inefficiencies with multiple testing centers across multiple departments, and there seems to be consensus that the testing center should be united under the Learning Commons.

Description

Academic Technology - working with other departments - will actively pursue options for an open lab facility and a testing center facility that will serve ALL Lane students.

Currently, the only open lab area available to all lane students is in the Library and this area is insufficient to serve the needs of Lane's students and still maintain the purpose/function of the Library. Academic Technology will actively purpose looking into other options for housing and operating an open lab facility, as the college had before the remodel of building 4.

Currently, testing services are seperated throughout the college, with each department/division handling their own testing needs. With the increase of online learning, an expanded need for proctored testing, and the lack of sustainability with a decentralized testing model, Academic Technology will actively pursue looking into options for a testing center consolication.

Questions and Answers

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This initiative ties to historical unit plans that included upgrading and maintaining the old open lab facility which used to be housed in Building 4, Room 201. This also ties to long term conversations in relation to the need for proctored testing and consolidate testing support.

Describe the resources needed:

Currently, the resources needed to fulfill this initiative are labor resources - time to meet with stakeholders and time to research options.

Future resources will include furnishings, computer equipment, staffing, infrastructure, etc.

What specific measurable program outcomes do you expect to achieve with this initiative? The outcomes should be specific enough to be measurable. Also, outline the method that will be used to determine the results.

With an open lab facility for ALL Lane students, the outcome will be enough computers to accommodate the homework and research needs for our growing population of students at Lane. This can be measured through tracking the use of the equipment as well as surveys.

With a consolidated testing facility, the outcome will be a centralized location for all students to take their tests, minimize the staff resources necessary to support testing, and ensure that all students will have a place to take the tests they need to complete their course work. This can be measured through tracking the use of the equipment as well as surveys.

Department Priority:

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Unit Resources:

Academic Technology will provide the staff resources necessary to research options, verify current costs/functions and meet with stakeholders to work out options and make recommendations.

Funding Request: Carl Perkins

Funding Request: Curriculum Development

Funding Request: Technology Fee