

Student Government Resolution 113.006

A Resolution Calling a Special Election for a New Information/Technology (iTech) Student Fee
Sponsored by Kelsey Smith, iTech Student Fee Committee Chair and Aaron Malin, President of
the Student Association

WHEREAS:

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interest of the Student Association in the formulation of the University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- Truman State University has faced significant budgetary constraints due to tuition caps and funding cuts; and
- The University needs to stay competitive with other universities across the state in order to remain connected to its mission and continue to be successful as a University; and
- Student Government and the student body have a vested interest in the University staying marketable in the current higher education environment; and
- The University of Missouri System, Missouri University of Science and Technology, the University of Central Missouri, Northwest Missouri State University, and Missouri State University all have implemented a student technology fee in order to pay for various technology improvements¹; and
- Current internet bandwidth is at ¼ of the needed amount²; and
- For \$11 per semester per full time student, internet bandwidth can be quadrupled from 500 mbps to 2000 mbps without requiring additional funding, meeting the need of students²; and
- The library currently does not have software to sort all of its collections into one search engine³; and
- For \$2 per semester per full time student, Truman can add access to a Discovery Search service that would combine all of the library's collections into one search engine³; and
- The University currently subscribes to the basic JSTOR contract³; and
- For \$1 per semester per full time student, Truman can upgrade to the next level of JSTOR to provide access to a wider range of titles³; and
- The University currently subscribes to EBSCO's Academic Search Premiere, which provides access to 13,600 indexed and abstracted journals, around 4,700 full-text journals, 12,000 peer-reviewed, indexed, and abstracted journals, and more than 4,000 peer-reviewed full-text journals⁴; and
- For \$1 per semester per full time student, Truman can upgrade to EBSCO's Academic Search Complete to provide access to 4,300 more full-text journals, 3,900 more full-text peer-reviewed journals, PDF content that dates back to 1887, and

¹ Dave Rector, Budget Director, Truman State University

² Donna Liss, Chief Information Officer, Truman State University

³ Richard Coughlin, Dean of Libraries and Museums

⁴ <http://www.ebscohost.com/academic/academic-search-premier>

- searchable cited references for more than 1,460 journals⁵; and
- The library currently has access to approximately 100,000 e-books⁶; and
- For \$1 per semester per full time student, Truman can subscribe to additional e-book collections, significantly increasing our e-book holdings; and
- The library currently opens at 11 am on Saturday and 1 pm on Sunday; and
- For \$1 per semester per full time student, the library will review existing hours and explore opening earlier on weekends⁶; and
- 66.3 % of students surveyed supported a new student fee of \$18 per semester per student to fund the quadrupling of the University's internet bandwidth, a Discovery Search service for the library website, an upgraded subscription to JSTOR, an upgrade to EBSCO's Academic Search Complete, and a subscription to additional e-book collections⁷; and
- Due to recent state and University budget constraints, a student fee is the most viable option to aquire these services and resources.

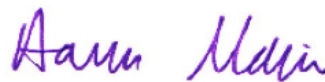
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT:

- Officially proposes an iTech student fee of \$17 per semester for graduate and undergraduate students taking 6 or more credit hours; and
- Announces a special election, to be held March 4-6 2013, for the full student body to approve or deny the implimentation of the proposed iTech student fee.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY DIRECTS THAT:

- The Library and Information Technology staff presents to the Student Government annually to review fee usage and explore future possibilities; and
- Additional copies of this resolution be sent to Troy Paino, President of the University; Lou Ann Gilchrist, Dean of Student Affairs; David Rector, Budget Director; Joan Poor, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs; Richard Coughlin, Dean of Libraries and Museums; Donna Liss, Chief Information Officer; Janet Romine, Head of Library Public Services; each current member of the Truman Board of Governors; the Pickler Memorial Library Office of Special Collections, and the Truman Media Network.

Passed February 10, 2013
By Unanimous Consent



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⁵ <http://www.ebscohost.com/academic/academic-search-complete>

⁶ Richard Coughlin, Dean of Libraries and Museums

⁷ Student Senate Survey, January 28- February 1, 2013