

C. THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - TECHNOLOGY FEE INCREASE

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve that the technology fee be increased from \$75.00 to \$100.00 per semester for full-time students and from \$37.50 to \$50.00 per semester for part-time students, effective Fall 2008. Revenue from this fee will be used to improve academic and administrative computing services. In cases of financial hardship, colleges may waive the technology fee for individual students.

EXPLANATION: In February of 2002 CUNY established a technology fee of \$75 for every full-time student and \$37.50 for part-time students. The fee was approved to provide the colleges the means to secure for the student body the level of technology essential to a high quality education. Since 2002 the cost of providing the full array of technology options for our students increased by approximately 20% due to inflation. During this period, the University also enrolled an additional 23,000 students. In order to meet our goal of continuing to provide quality services to our students, CUNY is increasing the fee for all full-time and part-time students. For Federal Pell grant recipients, this fee increase will be covered by an increase in the maximum Pell grant award which helps defray educational expenses. The grant award will be raised from \$4,310 to \$4,731, an increase of \$421. In addition, the University is more broadly defining the use of the technology fee to include important academic and administrative computing services not currently covered by the fee. This change will enhance the services available to students and faculty.