

Well, it is board day. Hopefully, we will have an approved budget for FY22-23 and will prepare for moving into that budget.

I have placed a copy of the Estimated Technology Spreadsheet for FY22-23 in the I Drive June Review folder, along with the Memo requesting the transfer of FY21-22 IT Balances to IT Reserves. Important to note that we are requesting the use of FY 22-23 funds to cover security expenses that we have not yet been able to fully budget for.

I think we will have no real issues in FY 22-23, but in 23-24 and certainly into 24-25, we will need to continue the review of less required items for consideration of reductions in subscription or discontinuance.

We believe that the HERF WiFi project will be following through, providing significant upgrades in almost all academic spaces across the campuses. But, due to HERF rules years, 2-5 on subscriptions and warranties will cost us a little less than 900k over those four years. Still a good return on the 2.6M in improvements, yet another cost we will have to absorb into those years.

Faculty Laptop Program is moving along with a very good acceptance rate. This move will require a change in how Academic IT funding applies, the laptops came with five years of warranties, but a new implementation plan over time will need to start in 23-24 along with handling new faculty as they come in.

We are off Windstream Analog phones systems and fully on the ATU VOIP Unified Communications Systems. As we continue to move forward, a discussion on Unified Communications and how we recover costs across that platform will need to continue.

I hope you have a good summer start, be safe, and I will keep you informed as we move from estimated budgets into actual budgets.

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