ATU Prioritization and Impact Committee Update
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The Cares Act is proving to be a big benefit for IT Operations. So far, we have gotten funding for

Blackboard Ally - (ADA Compliance software for Blackboard) 31K+-

50 Additional Lecture Capture Rooms 150K +-

Core Networking and Switching 238K +-

Core University Data Center DELL/VMWare Infrastructure 500K cares and 499K IT Reserve

Check Out Laptops 56K +-

These expenditures are mostly items that we would have had to buy in 20/21 or 21/22 for sure.

Ozark also benefited by quite a bit as well on IT items within the Cares Act and the benefits from the Core Items in the Russellville expenditures.

These items will allow us to update a number of the Core Networking Switching and Routing replacing 12 years + equipment with more capable and adaptable equipment, including wireless backbones. Combine this with the support from Housing on residence hall wireless infrastructure, and we are moving in a very good direction.

The Dell/VMWare Data Center Core will upgrade the Virtualized Server and Application Environment and allow the continued move of the Banner ERP unto this system from the expiring IBM platform. Initially, we had planned on delaying this change over into 21/22. This will have benefits in capabilities, storage, processing, and more for five years plus.

The additional 50 lecture capture rooms will improve our abilities to have mixed-technology classes for the fall but also allow more accessible classrooms for continued lecture capture in the future.

The 40 laptops will allow us to replace the ones we borrowed from Academic Departments during the Spring Remote Work, as classes start August 19 many of those would need to be recovered for classes.

We have also purchased an additional 100 webcams and 34 headsets for remote workers and faculty.

These funds from the Cares Act will free up reserve funds to help continue this progress and ensure we have a stable emergency IT fund.

We had a balance of 448K in IT Reserve and were scheduled to move 689K into the Reserve for 19/20. Using the 499K for the move forward with the University Data Center Server/Applications Infrastructure will set that transfer back, leaving a balance of approximately 637K moving into 20/21.

Telecommunications also moved about 22K into reserves for a balance of approx. 188K (Noting that we transferred 48k out in 19/20 to buy additional phone systems)

I will get a true-up number on the reserves later this month.

Suffice to say that with limited budgets for 20/21, the Cares Act Funding truly helped out in the area of Technology, it deferrals was building up, and these purchases will help dramatically in our IT posture and capabilities.