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TO: Deans, Department Chairs, Faculty, Graduate Students and Professional Students

FROM: Lynn T. Singer, Deputy Provost and Vice President for Academic Programs

RE: Technology Fee

In response to a resolution passed by the Graduate Student Senate (GSS), senior members of University administration participated in a forum on August 26, 2008 for all graduate and professional students aimed at clarifying the purpose, methods of assessment, and other aspects of the Technology fee.

Prior to 2007, only undergraduate students living on campus were charged such a fee. The additional fee of \$426 annually instituted in 2007 was necessary to repay debt incurred to fund the new Student Information System costs of \$13 million, as the old system was known to be too fragile to be reliable, was lacking adequate security features, and was insufficient to meet student information needs. For graduate and professional students, each of the schools and the college have handled the fee in different ways, and indeed, even within schools, departments have varied in their handling of the fee, creating a confusing situation.

In response to requests from the GSS, the university will capture the technology fee within tuition increments across all schools beginning in Fall of 2009 subject to Board of Trustees approval in December 2008 and an implementation plan from our CFO. This change will have a positive effect on students who are receiving tuition waivers or other scholarship support and will have a neutral effect on students who currently pay their own tuition and fees.

For this academic year 2008-2009, however, the current technology fee will remain in effect. The fee is \$426 (\$213 per semester) for students taking more than three credit hours, and \$200 (\$100 per semester) for students taking three credit hours or less. The college and schools have decided to address the fee in the following ways for graduate and professional students for this year only:

- School of Medicine: Graduate student stipends were increased to cover the fee. Professional Medical School students are responsible for the fee.
- School of Engineering: Varies with department and faculty mentor from stipend increase, billed to advisor through bursar, to no aid. Students should ask their department administrator or their faculty mentor for specific information.
- School of Management: Students enrolled in the MPOD and full time MBA program are responsible for the fee. For students enrolled in the EMBA and taking up to six hours in the part-time MBA program, the school pays the fee. For students in the EDM program, the school pays the fee the first year and students are responsible for subsequent years.
- Schools of Applied Social Sciences, Dental Medicine and Law: Students are responsible for the fee.
- School of Nursing: Students are responsible for the fee except for those on training grants.
- College of Arts and Sciences: Students are responsible for the fee except for the departments of Anthropology, Astronomy and Chemistry.

There are also students who are exempt from the fee as follows:

- Employees taking classes on tuition waiver (but partners/dependents on tuition waiver will be assessed the tech fee)
- Pre-College Scholars
- Alumni/Senior Special Audit
- Post Docs taking courses
- International Exchange Students studying at Case Fisk exchange, or other students visiting Case
- SAGES Presidential Fellows taking courses
- Students studying at Case through the cross-registration program
- CIM students

Case students engaged in full-time study at Case or another institution (e.g., study abroad, Senior Year in Absentia) or in full-time experiential educational opportunities (e.g., Co-op, practicum) will be assessed the Technology Fee.

I hope that this information will clarify for all administration, faculty and students the current policy regarding the technology fee and the planned change to create a more uniform system in Fall of 2009.

Please feel free to contact our office at [1xs5@case.edu](mailto:1xs5@case.edu) if there are additional questions.

Cc: Central Administration  
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