

LBJ School of Public Affairs
Information Technology Vision Plan
2004-2005

College Overview

The Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs is a graduate component of The University of Texas at Austin. The mission of the School is to prepare graduates to shape and manage the public's business. As of the spring semester 2004, we have 330 master's students and 24 PhD students. This number reflects a 28% increase in the number of master's students due to an unusually large fall 2003 incoming class.

Current Status

Our recurring, annual infrastructure allocation for the 2003/2004 academic year was \$76,230. Additionally, we learned in January 2004 that we would receive a one-time project allocation of \$20,648.

A multimedia fee of \$50.00 per semester was approved for the 2003/2004 academic year that will apply to classes in which at least some of the non-UT students participate in the class from an off campus location. We have also requested to raise our current local technology fee from \$50.00 to \$53.00 per semester, to date we've not seen a decision on this request. The percentage of compensation being funded from combined ITAC and local technology fees has exceeded 50 percent and 100 percent of the local technology fee is allocated to compensation.

During the summer of 2003 we increased the number of computers in our master's student lab proportionally to the increase in our student body. As a consequence of this decision, we were not able to convert another classroom to a technology classroom and we did not refresh any of the existing equipment in our lab.

Computer Facilities	
Master's student lab	47 computers, 38 PCs (Windows XP), 9 Macs (OS X), managed by LabMan software (running on a dedicated server)
PhD student lab	7 computers, all PCs (Windows XP), managed by LabMan software
Faculty/ Research lab	4 computers, 3 PC's (Windows XP), 1 Mac (OS X)
Multi-media computer carts	2 carts, each with 1 PC and 1 Mac sharing keyboard, mouse and monitor
Technology classrooms	3 (one 60-seat, two 24-seat), each with 1 PC and 1 Mac sharing keyboard, mouse and monitor in a console or cabinet.
Video conferencing technology classroom	1 (35 seat), with 1 PC and 1 Mac sharing keyboard, mouse and monitor in a console

Networking and Associated Electronics

The LBJ School of Public Affairs occupies offices in three buildings. Our computers are 100% networked on Ethernet hubs or switches; 85% are limited to 10 Mbps, and 15% have access to switched 10/100 circuits. All classrooms (9 total, 2 small, 6 medium, 1 large) have Ethernet ports on a vlan which forces them to be authenticated through the public port authentication system. Additionally, we have four wireless access points, 2 on the first floor located on the north and on the south ends and 2 on the third floor similarly arranged.

Departmental Servers

The LBJ School ITS staff maintain a Windows 2003 Server hosting the LabMan server, an internal Windows 2003 server used as a system administration/system security/file server, a MacOS 9.1 AppleShare IP server which hosts cross-platform files and a Mac OS X computer hosting shared calendaring services.

Future Directions

We need to replace at least one-third of the oldest equipment in our labs this summer in order to keep our operating system software current and consistent. The laser printers in our lab will also require replacement this academic year. We'd hoped to continue retrofitting of our classrooms to technology classrooms but this summer the hardware refresh in our lab must take priority. We hope to begin shifting the nature of our web presence from a static presentation model to one that incorporates content management.

Specific ITAC Funding Requests for 2004/2005

Technology Classrooms	\$23,000
Our current plans are to continue installing a "technology classroom-in-a-box" in one additional classroom each academic year. (This will be deferred for the summer of 2004 and the current one-time allocation will be used to refresh computer lab hardware.)	
Instructional Computer Labs	\$22,000
We will replace about a third of the equipment in our instructional labs, including computers and printers. This will be especially important during the 2004/2005 academic year because we were unable to refresh equipment during the 2002/2003 budget cycle	
Multimedia Equipment	\$5,000
We need to replace one LCD projector (our oldest model) and a video camera.	
TOTAL REQUEST	\$50,000

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