

FY 2006 Computer-Related Capital Equipment Requests for the MIT Libraries

Proposed Approvals for Q4

Once again, this final round of computer-related capital equipment approvals includes decisions both for the end of the current fiscal year and for the beginning of the next. The items approved now for purchase early in FY07 are entirely devoted to user instruction; this timing will, we hope, allow us to have the equipment installed and ready to use by the start of fall semester.

In this round:

- 74 requests were received, totaling an estimated \$136,046.
- 31 of these requests were approved in whole or in part, either through purchase or cascade, at an estimated cost of \$52,414
- Expenditures for equipment that directly serves the public make up 69% of the approved amount for this round

Highlights

- We are recommending an upgrade of all the equipment in the DIRC. This facility is heavily used, and needs to have updated, high-end equipment.
- The current DIRC equipment is still above our minimum standard, and will be used to upgrade all units throughout the system that fall below the standard.
- Once again this quarter we received many requests for LCD monitors, both for public and staff use. Since we completed a large purchase of these items in Q3, we decided to defer all these requests in the current round: we wanted to ensure that other needs would be addressed.

Technical Support Goals

Projected expenditures are distributed among the goals as follows:

- ...Access... providing enhanced patron access to resources, including patron self-service – 11%
- ...Productivity... technology that enhances workplace production by our staff – 24%
- ...Teaching...providing tools to instruct and serve patrons – 65%