



Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Resolution 25-02

Laptop/Desktop Purchases for Faculty by LSU

Sponsored by LSU Faculty Senate ad hoc IT Committee and LSU Information Technology Services

Whereas, the Faculty Senate IT committee and ITS are completing an extensive revision of LSU's IT policies;

Whereas, the Faculty Senate IT committee has noted that laptops and/or desktops used by faculty must meet all LSU's IT policies;

Whereas, the Faculty Senate IT committee has noted that it is a burden for faculty to be compliant with all IT policies when personal laptops and desktops are used as the primary devices for university business;

Whereas, in university settings, it is a standard practice to provide laptops and desktops to faculty for university use¹;

Whereas, laptops and desktops for faculty use are provided by some Colleges at LSU;

Whereas, in some Colleges at LSU, the responsibility to purchase laptops and desktops for university use entirely lies on the faculty who have to use their research grants or personal funds for such a procurement;

Whereas, outdated devices cause barriers for research and educational mission of LSU as well as make IT security vulnerable;

Whereas, various laptops and desktops procured by faculty from their research grants or personal funds are not replaced on a regular basis;

Whereas, ITS believes having consistently updated IT equipment creates economies of scale and efficiencies for support as well as an improved security posture; and

Whereas, the Faculty Ed Tech survey found that about 80% of the faculty support that LSU provide laptops or desktops to faculty on a regular basis; therefore be it

Resolved, That LSU purchases laptops or desktops for *all* faculty on a 5-year cycle.

¹ Various southern US universities provide laptops/desktops for faculty either from central or college funds. These include University of Alabama, Mississippi State University, University of Mississippi, University of Missouri, University of Oklahoma, University of South Carolina, University of Texas at Austin and Vanderbilt University.