

## UW Tech Fee

The newsworthy deficit in UW Technology, first reported in Spring 2008 and followed by their cost study to resolve it, has resulted in a new unit-funded UW Tech Fee of \$52.68 per person per month. The fee is based on a 4-quarter average of paid faculty and staff (not student) count. Counts taken during the 4 quarters of calendar year 2009 are driving charges starting July 1, 2010. Employees included in the count are faculty and staff in UW-paid monthly status at the time the count is taken, usually mid-quarter.

The tech fee covers a limited number of core services, many of which aren't apparent to the average user but are nonetheless required in a large institutional computing environment. See <http://www.washington.edu/uwit/reports/FY2011BasicServices.pdf> for detail on inclusions/exclusions.

In the past these services were conceptually included in the telephone dial tone fee, which obviously became insufficient at some point. Now this historical connection between land lines and tech services is being severed and, at the same time that the new tech fee is being instituted, land line dial tone charges are decreasing. However, there remains a net increase on a per-person basis. For FY11 the CoEnv Dean's Office is covering that difference with temporary funds held back from FY10 tuition earnings. Theoretically then this year there is no fiscal impact. However, since the simple assumptions behind the calculations (that all phones are connected to one individual and that dialtone costs are aligned with short-term appointments) are not perfectly descriptive of reality, actual fiscal impact on units will differ.

Tech fees will be charged directly to appropriate units on a monthly basis starting with July 2010 (the initial bill will be a catch-up amount). The temporary supplement from the CoENV Dean's Office will be provided in one lump sum to SFR, and in turn distributed in some fashion to each unit. There will be complications since the budget type of the supplement will vary from some target budgets, but some method will be found to provide the appropriate credit.

**The Tech Fee cannot be charged to grants, with a few exceptions of administrative projects and some long-standing nonfederal projects that include an administrative component.**

**See the related spreadsheet of the newly established UW TECH FEE costs associated with each area and funding sources for FY11.**