BYLAWS
OF THE
UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY FEE ADVISORY BOARD

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Frequently Asked Questions about the University Technology Fee:
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Article I: Name and Affiliation
The name of this organization shall be the University Technology Fee Advisory Board (“UTFAB” or “Board”).

Article II: Mission
The mission of the University Technology Fee Advisory Board shall be to provide guidance and advice in the implementation and application of technology at Colorado State University; to review all allocation requests of the University Technology Fee; and to ensure that all allocations of the University Technology Fee will be used to provide technology that has the potential to benefit as many Colorado State University students as possible.

Article III: Membership

Section 1. Voting members shall consist of student members of college Charges for Technology committees or college councils, a student member from the Graduate School Council, and two student-at-large members. Members’ terms of office shall commence with the election of a new chairperson at the final meeting of the spring semester, and end at the conclusion of regular business at the final meeting of the following spring semester.

Section 2. Each college shall appoint one student member from their designated Charges for Technology allocation committee or college council prior to the last UTFAB meeting of the spring semester. New members shall be encouraged to work with outgoing members of the Board to aid in the transition process. In the absence of an appointment by the College’s Charges for Technology allocation committee by the second week of September, the student member shall be appointed by the dean of the college. Student-at-large members shall be appointed by the newly elected ASCSU President prior to the last UTFAB meeting of the spring semester. The Graduate School Council shall appoint the student member from the Graduate School Council prior to the last meeting of the spring semester. In the absence of an appointment from the Graduate School Council, the Vice Provost for Graduate Affairs or Vice President for Research shall appoint a representative from the Graduate School.

Section 3. Each appointing body may appoint one or more Associate Member(s), with the approval of the Chairperson. Associate Members must be from within the same college or area of representation as their voting member. The ASCSU President may appoint one or more student-at-large Associate Members with the approval of the Chairperson.

Section 4. The Vice President for Information Technology or their designee shall serve as the Adviser to the Board. Ex-officio members may be appointed to serve for the duration of the current academic year at
the purview of the Chairperson. In the interest of collaboration with the University Facility Fee Advisory Board (UFFAB), the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson of UFFAB shall have ex-officio status.

Section 5. Members must not miss more than two (2) unexcused meetings per semester. Members may be excused from attending meetings at the discretion of the Chairperson. Members are responsible for ensuring associate representatives from their college or appointing body are present in the event they are unable to attend a meeting. Members who miss two or more consecutive meetings without being excused by the Chairperson may be removed from the Board at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Section 6. A member may be removed from the Board by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total voting membership of the Board. All voting members must be notified at least one week prior to a vote for removal. In the event of a removal, the appropriate appointing body will be asked to provide a new member.

Article IV: Officers and Representatives

Section 1. The Chairperson shall be elected at the last meeting of the spring semester by a majority vote of the members who have been selected to serve for the following academic year. The outgoing Chairperson shall preside over the election of the new Chairperson, and shall relinquish the Chair at the conclusion of the election of the new Chairperson. The Chairperson shall work with the Adviser to schedule and preside over all meetings of the Board; prepare agendas; maintain correspondence of the Board; maintain documentation and minutes of the activities of the Board; and serve as a representative to the ASCSU Student Fee Review Board (the SFRB). The Chairperson should be a returning member of the Board, if possible.

Section 2. A Vice Chairperson shall be elected at the last meeting of the spring semester by a majority vote of the members who have been selected to serve for the following academic year. The Vice Chairperson shall act on behalf of the Chairperson in the event of his or her absence or incapacity, and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the Chairperson. The election of the Vice Chairperson may be postponed to the first meeting of the fall semester by unanimous consent.

Section 3. A Secretary shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present. The Secretary shall take meeting minutes, maintain documentation of all actions of the Board, and coordinate with the Advisor to maintain the UTFAB website.

Section 4. The Adviser shall be responsible for maintaining records of the Board’s activities and serve as a representative to the ASCSU Student Fee Review Board. The Adviser shall also serve as the fiscal manager for the University Technology Fee.

Section 5. The Chairperson or Vice Chairperson may be removed from the Board by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total voting membership of the Board. All voting members must be notified at least one week prior to a vote for removal. In the event of a vacancy in removal of the Chairperson position (through removal or otherwise), the Vice Chairperson shall serve as Chairperson, and a new Vice Chairperson shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present. In the event of a vacancy in removal of the Vice Chairperson position (through removal or otherwise), a new Vice Chairperson shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present the Board.

Article V: Meetings

Section 1. The Board shall meet once per week or at the discretion of the Chairperson. All voting members shall be notified of meeting time, date and location at least one week prior to each meeting.

Section 2. All UTFAB meetings will be open to the public. Interested parties are welcome to attend.
Section 3. All official actions of the Board shall be open for public inspection. The Adviser shall be responsible for ensuring that copies of the minutes and other materials presented to the members at the meetings are available to members or other parties requesting these materials.

Section 4. Ex-officio members shall be non-voting, and serve in a support capacity, including advising, administrative support, and other activities as directed by the Chairperson. Ex-officio members may be asked to remove themselves from portions of meetings, designated as Executive Sessions where sensitive material is presented, at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Section 5. Quorum shall consist of seven (7) voting members.

Section 6. Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition shall govern the Board in all cases not addressed by these Bylaws.

Article VI: Responsibilities

Section 1. The UTFAB shall be responsible for reviewing the services and budgets for all areas funded by the University Technology Fee. All fee funded areas under the purview of the Board shall make a presentation, including progress on their approved three (3) year project plan, to the Board during the fall semester on the services made available to the students of Colorado State University.

Section 2. In the spring semester, all areas seeking funding for the forthcoming year shall make a request to the Board. This shall be done in accordance with the three (3) year project plan presented in the fall semester. Departments seeking funding that have not previously presented a three (3) year project plan to the Board shall be required to make such a presentation at the time funding is requested. All funded areas under the purview of the Board will be required to make a presentation in the following fall semester in accordance with Article VI, Section 1 of these UTFAB bylaws.

Section 3. Should there be a positive fund balance in the current fiscal year, the UTFAB may accept additional proposals for funding. These proposals can be for expansion of existing UTFAB projects or for new projects. Such projects and proposals shall be in accordance with all other specifications in these Bylaws. The Chairperson shall designate the manner in which these proposals are made, solicited, received, screened, and accepted for presentation to the Board. To ensure that all projects are considered in a fair and unbiased fashion, approval for any project or numerous small projects should generally be withheld until all project proposals to be considered by the Board have been received and legitimized. In the event that the sum of all funding requests exceeds funds available, the Board shall hold discussion and debate on all proposals during which any member may make a motion to amend or reject any given proposal. If, after debate has concluded, the sum of all funding requests continues to exceed funds available, the Board shall conduct a ranking vote by secret ballot to determine the priority assigned to each request. Finally, the Board shall conduct a vote on each proposal in order of established priority.

Section 4. The UTFAB shall not recommend funding beyond the fiscal year for which the proposal is made. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Board for proposals that include multi-year contracts for vendor software, hardware, and support.

Section 5. The University Technology Fee shall not be used to fund items that are funded by the Charges for Technology assessed by each individual college or the Open Option within Colorado State University.

Section 6. The UTFAB shall review allocation requests on an annual basis and make recommendations to the ASCSU Student Fee Review Board (SFRB) based on the availability of projected funds.

Section 7. The UTFAB Chairperson and Adviser shall be responsible for making presentations to the SFRB ASCSU Student Fee Review Board in accordance with the Student Fee Review Board Bylaws.

Article VII: Funding Rules
Section 1. The UTFAB will evaluate project plan proposals by the following criteria (in no specific order):
1. The project’s ability to benefit as many Colorado State University students as possible;
2. The project’s ability to effectively utilize the fee;
3. The project proposal is not funded through individual college Charges for Technology;
4. The project’s adherence to its planned budget and accountability for its expenses throughout the past fiscal year, if appropriate;
5. The project’s potential for direct student use;
6. The effort, thought, justification and clarity reflected in the project plan and presentation;
7. The justification for the project provided to the Board in the form of quantitative student usage information;
8. The level of financial co-sponsorship being contributed to the project by the University;
9. The project's contribution to the overall balance between central and distributed technology in the University information technology environment;
10. The proposed technology or service is not currently provided through other University Technology Fee-funded projects;
11. The costs and potential benefits of the project.

Section 2. Any and all expenditures not included in the submitted project budget presented to the Board, and therefore that were not approved at the time of project approval by the Board must be approved by a majority vote of the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 3. The Board shall maintain $40,000 in each fiscal year reserved to account for a shortfall in revenue. This reserve may be suspended in the current fiscal year by majority vote at two consecutive regularly scheduled meetings.

Article VIII: Voting

Section 1. Each college/council-appointed representative and student-at-large representative shall have one vote. One Associate Members shall be responsible for voting on behalf of their respective appointing body in the event of their designated voting member’s absence. The results of a voting vote, and therefore the “action” of the Board, are determined by a simple majority decision of those eligible to vote. Quorum must be present before a vote can be taken. Votes related to funding requests should be based on funding rules articulated in Article VII of these Bylaws.

Section 2. At the conclusion of scheduled presentations in the spring semester, two votes shall be taken. The first vote shall be on the legitimacy of the project plan and budget. The second vote shall be taken before the final scheduled meeting of the Board on feasible scenarios determined by the Chairperson and Adviser. Each member shall retain the right to vote no on any and all scenarios or to abstain from the vote. The selected feasible scenario will be presented to the SFRB for endorsement.

Section 3. The UTFAB Chairperson shall poll members to clarify reasons for voting “no” on project proposals and budgets. The reasons for voting no on project proposals shall be recorded anonymously and included in the minutes of the meeting. This information shall be collected reviewed by the Chairperson and the Advisor to determine if members are basing their votes on accurate information and the Funding Rules in Article VII, as well as to provide feedback to those outside the Board who made the proposal.

Section 4. Contingent upon funds availability, proposals for projects to be funded out of the current fiscal year shall be heard at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board in accordance with these Bylaws. These recommendations shall be presented to the SFRB during a regularly scheduled fall or spring semester presentation.

Section 5. In the event that a proposal is made to the Board while the Board is not in session, the Chairperson shall have the authority to approve allocations with the consent of the ASCSU President.
Section 6. The Board shall have the authority to recommend an increase or decrease to the University Technology Fee assessed to all students. A motion to this effect may be offered by any member, and requires a two-thirds majority vote at two consecutive regularly scheduled meetings. The Chair and Advisor shall be responsible for ensuring that at least one open forum session is held for the entire student body to gain understanding and offer feedback to the Board allow for discussion on the rationale behind any proposed modification to the University Technology Fee prior to a final vote on a motion to that effect.

Article IX: Amendment Procedure

Section 1. Amendments to these bylaws shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total voting membership at two consecutive regularly scheduled meetings.

Section 2. The Board shall conduct a general review of these bylaws every year.