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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 1, 2010

TO: Deans/Department Chairs/Academic Affairs Directors

FROM: Antonio Moreira, Ph.D. 
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: Update on the Computer Replacement Initiative

The Computer Replacement Initiative (CRI) was initiated in academic year 1998-99 with the objective of providing faculty and staff with a subsidy for the phased replacement of their computers. Within the constraints of the availability of funds in a given fiscal year, it is the main goal for the CRI to enable faculty and staff to take full advantage of the continuing advances in technology to support their teaching, research and administrative activities.

This report provides via the attached tables a summary of the investments to date made by UMBC under the CRI program. More detailed information is presented from Summer 2005 onwards since the establishment of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and the College of Natural and Mathematical Sciences. It is also of reference that the CRI has been continued only for the Division of Academic Affairs since the Summer of 2004.

The data show that since the inception of the CRI program, UMBC has allocated a total of \$1,281,610 to this program and a total of 1,559 computers (PCs and laptops) have been replaced. Additional funds were allocated by the units as matching dollars to the CRI awards. In the last three years, even under difficult fiscal challenges, the Academic Affairs Division has invested an average of \$76,730/year in the CRI program and a minimum of 63% of the total requests in a given year did receive a CRI award.

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For the Summer 2010, the funding rate was 74% overall and 92% of the requests actually eligible for funding under the CRI guidelines did receive an award. In recent years, the CRI has been promoting the purchase of laptops by faculty and staff based on the advantages provided by laptops in the areas of academic continuity, sustainability, portability and teaching with technology. This last aspect is also supported by the recent campus investments in the upgrade and maintenance of our classrooms. These will be the subject of a separate report.

Attachments

Cc: Dr. E. Hirshman, Provost
Mr. J. Suess, Vice President, Information Technology
Dr. M. Carlin, Assistant Vice President, Information Technology
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CRI Summary

Year 2010

	Applications			Funded		
	PCs	Laptops	Total	PCs	Laptops	Total
CAHSS (includes Center for Aging Studies)	45	28	73	25	25	50
CNMS	5	5	10	5	2	7
COE&IT (includes CWIT)	5	6	11	3	5	8
VP Research (includes CUERE)	2	0	2	1	0	1
Erickson School	0	2	2	0	2	2
Undergraduate Education	1	0	1	1	0	1
Academic Affairs (includes Shriver Center)	26	7	33	22	7	29
TOTAL	84	48	132	57	41	98
Total Funds \$75,200						
\$600 p/pc; \$1,000 p/laptop						

CRI Summary

Year 2009

	Applications			Funded		
	PCs	Laptops	Total	PCs	Laptops	Total
CAHSS (includes Center for Aging Studies)	54	29	83	35	13	48
CNMS	7	2	9	7	1	8
COE&IT	15	2	17	11	1	12
VP Research (includes CUERE)	0	1	1	0	1	1
Graduate School	7	0	7	5	0	5
Academic Affairs (includes Shriver Center)	39	4	43	24	3	27
TOTAL	122	38	160	82	19	101
Total Funds \$74,500						
\$700 p/pc; \$900 p/laptop						

CRI Summary

Year 2008

	Applications			Funded		
	PCs	Laptops	Total	PCs	Laptops	Total
CAHSS <small>(includes Center for Aging Studies)</small>	33	21	54	31	21	52
CNMS	18	8	26	4	7	11
COE&IT	2	2	4	2	2	4
VP Research <small>(includes CUERE)</small>	5	0	5	5	0	5
Undergraduate Education	0	1	1	0	1	1
Academic Affairs <small>(includes Shriver Center)</small>	28	5	33	28	4	32
TOTAL	86	37	123	70	35	105
Total Funds \$80,500						
<small>\$700 p/pc; \$900 p/laptop</small>						

CRI Summary

Year 2007

	Applications			Funded		
	PCs	Laptops	Total	PCs	Laptops	Total
CAHSS (includes Center for Aging Studies)	67	24	91	24	16	40
CNMS	9	7	16	6	3	9
COE&IT	6	3	9	4	3	7
VP Research (includes CUERE)	1	0	1	1	0	1
Undergraduate Education	1	0	1	0	0	0
Academic Affairs (includes Shriver Center)	26	1	27	14	2	16
TOTAL	110	35	145	49	24	73
Total Funds \$51,100						
\$700 p/pc or laptop						

CRI Summary

Year 2006

Applications

PCs	Laptops	Total
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Funded

PCs	Laptops	Total
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CAHSS (includes Center for Aging Studies)	63	22	85
CNMS	8	3	11
COE&IT	18	1	19
Other (includes Professional Staff Senate and Shakespeare on Wheels)	1	1	2
Academic Affairs (includes Shriver Center)	36	3	39
TOTAL	126	30	156

26	16	42
4	2	6
7	1	8
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17	3	20
54	22	76

Total Funds \$57,600

\$700 p/pc; \$900 p/laptop

CRI Summary

Year 2005

Applications

PCs	Laptops	Total
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Funded

PCs	Laptops	Total
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CAHSS (includes Center for Aging Studies)	51	23	74
CNMS	13	1	14
COE&IT	16	0	16
VP Research (includes CUERE)	1	0	1
Academic Affairs (includes Shriver Center)	36	2	38
TOTAL	117	26	143

42	16	58
12	1	13
6	0	6
1	0	1
15	4	19
76	21	97

Total Funds \$72,100

\$700 p/pc; \$900 p/laptop

CRI Summary (1998-2004)

Summer Year	# Applications	# Funded	Total Funds
1998	148	115	\$115,000
1999	198	128	115,200
2000	197	173	155,700
2001	334	243	218,700
2002	166	140	105,000
2003	167	125	93,750
2004*	214	85	67,260

*Starting 2004 the CRI is applicable to the Academic Affairs Division only.