

Fall 2006

Dear Biological Sciences Department Students:

Let me begin by thanking you for providing the Biological Sciences Department supplemental funds through the self-assessed student-fee initiative. The funds you have provided us during the past 4 years have been used to increase the quality of your experience and education in our department. I would also like to thank all of the students that participated throughout the year on the Biology Student-Fee Committee. The committee worked tirelessly to establish policy, develop line-items for spending, and to allocate funds for 2006-07. Recall the only voting members of this committee are students, so your participation was (and remains) essential. The committee developed a budget request of 398,000. Dean Bailey allocated 380,000 to the Biological Sciences Department and we had approximately 18,000 remaining from the previous year's budget. The BioSFC developed 3 general areas for spending: 1) student research; 2) access to classes and high-quality educational experience; and 3) equipment. Please see below for our projected spending during the 2006-07 academic year in each of the budget categories.

With great appreciation, I am

Yours sincerely,

Dean E. Wendt

Associate Professor

Fiscal Committee Chair

Biological Sciences Department

**DESCRIPTION OF BUDGET LINE ITEMS FOR 2006/07:**

**Student Research**

Undergraduate Research Supplies and Travel	20,000.00
Graduate Research Supplies and Travel	20,000.00
Student/Faculty Interaction Program (supports student research and teaching)	65,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>105,000.00</b>

**Access to Classes and a High Quality Educational Experience**

Part-Time Faculty	130,000.00
Student Computing Facility	10,000.00
Class Field Trips	15,000.00
Classroom Laboratory Supplies	10,000.00
Plant and Animal Collections Assistants	10,000.00
Release Time for New Introductory Series Development	8,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>183,000.00</b>

**Equipment**

Mass Spectrometer (partial funding to support a new proteomics laboratory)	60,000.00
Plate Pourer for Microbiology	16,000.00
Dissecting Microscopes for Cell/Developmental Biology (24)	34,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>

**Grand Total** **398,000.00**

**TOTAL ALLOCATED** \$380,000

**ROLLOVER (05/06)** \$18,130