## MEMORANDUM

DATE:       November 16, 1995

TO:         Presidents
            Alliance for Community College Innovation

FROM:       Terry O'Banion  *TO'B.*
            Executive Director

RE:         Results of Survey on Technology

I am most pleased to send you a copy of the results of our recent survey of members of the League's Alliance for Community College Innovation on major issues relating to technology. Key results indicate that:

- Seventy-five percent of community colleges are sharing the costs of technology with students through a technology fee.

- The average planned lifetime for computers and related equipment is between 3 and 4 years. Software is assumed to have a shorter useful life of less than 3 years.

This is the first report of our new presidential survey service for members of the Alliance, and we will be following up in the next several months regarding the next one. As a member of the League's Alliance for Community College Innovation, we hope these surveys on topics which you help identify will prove to be a valuable resource for your institutions.

TO'B:nm
Enclosure

# What Do Presidents Want to Know About . . . Information Technology?

## A survey of and for
## *Alliance for Community College Innovation institutions*

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*The findings summarized below were compiled from the responses to a survey of ACCI presidents conducted in October 1995. Of 460 surveys mailed to ACCI presidents, 282 responses were received by the due date, for a response rate of 61 percent. The figures shown have been rounded to the nearest percentage point.*

### Section One: Planning for Information Technology

1. What is your institution's typical replacement cycle for classroom and laboratory technology?

| | 1 yr | 2 yrs | 3 yrs | 4 yrs | 5+ yrs | No set cycle |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Desktop Computers (Avg=3.7 yrs) | <1% | <2% | 25% | 21% | 11% | 41% |
| Peripheral Equipment (Avg=3.9 yrs) | 1% | 2% | 14% | 17% | 15% | 51% |
| Instructional Software (Avg=2.7 yrs) | 6% | 16% | 16% | 6% | 5% | 53% |

2. If you have a technology plan in place, what are the key elements of that plan? *(Figures add to more than 100 percent due to the allowance of multiple responses)*

| | |
|---|---|
| 70% Network infrastructure | 33% Defined life cycles of equipment |
| 61% Staff development | 31% Key constituent groups |
| 57% Specific equipment/software | 23% Defined life cycles of software |
| 55% Internet access | 6% Incentives |
| 34% Funding mechanisms | 8% Other |

### Section Two: Funding Information Technology

3. Is your college charging students a technology fee?　　75% Yes　　25% No

   If so, how much is your technology fee?　　**Average $17.90 per academic term**
   **Range $1 to $75**

4. What percentage of your operating budget do you estimate is allocated annually for:

   New equipment?　0.57%　　Replacements?　0.27%　　Upgrades?　0.21%

   New software?　0.25%　　Replacements?　0.14%　　Upgrades?　0.27%

   *(These figures are the averages of 282 responses)*

5. Where are funds for new information technology budgeted? *(Figures add to more than 100 percent due to the allowance of multiple responses)*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Regular operating budget | 83% | Technology fee revenues/interest | 13% |
| Capital outlay budget | 61% | Other | 10% |
| Grants/gifts | 50% | Revolving/sinking funds | 5% |

*Please address questions regarding this survey to Larry Johnson, Associate Director, League for Innovation in the Community College, (714) 367-2884.*

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