

AGENDA ITEM 10.d

Request for use of Fund Balance

RECOMMENDED DIRECTIVE: The board hereby approves the use of Fund Balance in the amount of \$122,076.00 to purchase updated NIDA software and equipment for Telecommunications and Electronics Technology programs.

Discussion:

Faculty from the Telecommunications and Electronics Technology programs sent a request to cabinet requesting use of CARES Act funding to purchase updated NIDA software and equipment for the programs. Both programs have always used NIDA products and the software and equipment has never been updated since the programs started eighteen years ago. Program reviews from both programs recommend updating the software and equipment (*Instructional Program Review (IPR) AAS in Telecommunications, March 25, 2021, recommendation #3; IPR AAS Telecommunications, Sept. 2016; IPR AAS Electronics Technology, Sept. 2016, recommendation #1*) Cabinet felt that the purchase could not be justified for CARES Act funding since the program review recommendations are dated prior to the pandemic. Therefore, the cabinet recommended asking the Board for permission to use fund balance. The request is a valid use of the funding and supported by program assessment and program review. This demonstrates compliance with ACCJC Standards I.B.9, II.A.16, and Eligibility Requirement 19 (...the institution integrates program review, planning and resource allocation into a comprehensive process....). Program Reviews available at <http://www.comfsm.fm/?q=telecom-program-2020>, <http://www.comfsm.fm/?q=electronic-tech-2020>, and the most recent program review upon request.

ACTION TAKEN:

VOTE:

- _____ Approved as presented
- _____ Approved w/modifications
- _____ Disapproved
- _____ Deferred to a later meeting

_____ aye _____ nay _____ abstain

DATE: _____