



Engineer's Council
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To whom it may concern:

On October 7, 2013, the Engineering Student Council (compromised of representatives, presidents, officers of organizations and engineering students) met and discussed the proposed technology fee of \$145.00 from the College of Engineering for improving student academic experience. After presentations by engineering's administrators uncovering the facts and details, college-wide e-mails with concerns and after discussion with representatives of organizations and the students, the Engineer's Student Council on October 7, 2013 voted on a vote of **33-4 to SUPPORT** the College of Engineering in the creation of the new technology fee.

The Engineering Student Council feels that supporters for the fee outweigh heavily to those against it. The Engineering Student Council also replied to every email from the students of the College of Engineering with facts and detailed explanations for the reason on the proposed technology fee. However, the students votes were based on the trust we put on our college administrators to see immediate renovation action from the College of Engineering if the University Budget Committee approves this proposed technology fee.

The Engineering student council opened to all the students in the College of Engineering supports this fee increase because the belief of getting an education with new lab equipment, computers, printers, software and capstone materials is far more important than getting an education without the necessary equipment due to lack of funding. After doing research with peer-institutions, students in the council voiced their opinion that here at NMSU we have low tuition and a fee of \$145.00 compared to neighbor states is by a fair amount to pay.

I, the President of the Engineer's Council speaking on behalf the majority of supporters of this fee would like the University Budget Committee to consider supporting this fee. The College of Engineering curriculum from the rest of the Colleges requires up-to-date new software and technology. The College of Engineering and all classrooms operate under a lot of technology and engineering equipment and most of the technology needs to be renovated. The NMSU technology fee of \$75.00 that mostly covers university-wide technology is not enough to support the amount of technology and engineering equipment in this college.

As students in the College of Engineering, we recognize the economic challenges we face. At the same, as students in the College of Engineering, our academic and work experiences as students comes directly from new and updated lab equipment, software and new and improved laboratories, therefore we are prepared to make this investment at this time.

Sincerely,

Carlos S Gomez
Engineer's Council President 2013-2014