

I am requesting a \$500 grant to help support the projects that I am currently working on. In reading the requirements, I believe that my request is somewhat of a "backwards" request. I need several pieces of equipment to make what I am currently doing a little easier. Mainly, I am trying to support my online recordings that I use in my Statistics course. These have been tremendously successful in student learning and retention.

1. Project Description (include title, purpose, and scope of project; indicate how your project fosters student engagement and success in achieving SLOs)

I will title my project "Stuff I Wanna buy" They include:

A 9 volt battery charger – I have started using a wireless microphone in my class recordings. They sound much better and I have gotten a lot of great feedback from the students (none from the microphone). The problem is that they take 3 - 9 volt batteries that last only about a week.

A Bluetooth Mouse and Keypad – Below is a picture of the current set up I need for my class. The mouse and Keypad would reduce this mess by 2 wires.



AVI monitor adapter – I have an extra monitor and with this adapter, I will be able to connect it to my Laptop in my office in the hopes that the extra monitor space will help me be more efficient.

Camtasia 3.0 – The new version has many new features that I will be able to use right away. Not the least of which is the ability to use the same format as iTunes.

These pieces of equipment will be around \$500. If there is any money left over, I am interested in a Bluetooth Microphone that a student found online. This may help reduce the number of wires in my life even more.

2. Project Outcomes (Student Centered)

Since I began these recordings, my retention and student understanding both have gone up. This entire project is student centered. All of these pieces of equipment/software will make what I am doing easier. I am also planning on putting this course online during Fall 2008. This will make that move much smoother.

3. Assessment Strategies

4. Project Implementation Timeline

5. Faculty Responsible for Development and Implementation

6. Technology and Software Requirements; Distribution (If needed; additional funds may be available for department technology needs)

I will put my answers to 4, 5, and 6 together. I have been doing this for 3 semesters now with great success. It has truly helped students succeed in my class. What I am asking for is support to continue this project. With the addition of the wireless mic this semester, the sound of the videos is much improved but my frustration with all the wires has grown. When this equipment is purchased, I will begin using it immediately.