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New Technology Initiatives – Fall 2010

Greetings from the IT department!

I want to highlight some of the exciting new technology initiatives that have been initiated for students this fall.

As you may be aware by now, we've revised our **assistive technology software strategy** for new students. Students enrolled in the Language Intensive Curriculum (LIC) and Partial Credit Program will now need to have Kurzweil 3000 Professional text reader software (available to Landmark students at the significantly discounted price of \$225 – previously priced at \$1,000) as well as Dragon Naturally Speaking voice recognition software. And, students enrolled in the Credit and Executive Functioning Credit curricula will have the option of choosing either Kurzweil 3000 Professional or Read & Write Gold text reader software (also priced at \$225) within the first 30 days of the semester. Our new strategy is intended to provide students with the software that best meets their individual needs. Landmark also continues to deploy more advanced use of **Moodle learning management software** for almost all academic courses as a way to deliver more robust content and on-line interactivity.

This summer, we've added **two new smart technology classrooms** in the Administration Building (rooms 013 and 207) with a third planned for January 2011. Similar to the existing smart classrooms in the East Academic Building, these new rooms will include projection and sound systems, interactive white boards, DVD systems, and document cameras with movable furniture to accommodate different teaching and learning styles. We also plan to install a lecture capture system in the fall that will enable faculty to record their classes and make them available on-line to students outside of the classroom. In addition, we've re-located and expanded the video lab in the Fine Arts Building to include more student computers and more advanced projection and sound systems. Finally, we've installed sound systems in all of the remaining classrooms.

We continue to offer **mobile device integration** to automatically synchronize Groupwise e-mail, calendar, and contact information with these applications on students' mobile devices (such as Blackberries, iPhones, iPods, Windows mobile devices). Synchronization will occur through the student's mobile device service or through a wireless connection. The annual cost has been reduced to \$45/student. Contact the Help Desk, 802-387-6800, for more information.

We again will be upgrading our **Internet bandwidth** this summer to 40 mb/s – an increase of 33%. We'll couple this upgrade with a more refined approach to managing bandwidth utilization to ensure more equitable use.



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We're also in the process of implementing **housing, judicial affairs, and counseling software systems** this summer that will enable Student Affairs to provide more effective and timely student services.

And last but not least, led by the Web Services department, Landmark is engaged in a major redesign of its **public web site** in order to more effectively engage students and other constituents as well as provide more robust content with more intuitive navigation. The new site is projected to go live in the spring 2011. In the interim, the existing site will continue to be updated and revised.

We're excited about these new major technology initiatives and I'm confident that they will greatly enhance your experience as a student at Landmark College.

Feel free to contact me at 802-387-6863 for more information or if you have questions.

I look forward to your arrival on campus.

Tom Manley
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