**Academic Resources and Computing Committee**

**Fall 2013 Call for Proposals**

The Academic Resources and Computing Committee is soliciting competitive proposals for

projects related to the use of technology in educational settings. This year includes a special

call for faculty-led initiatives that position Weber State University as a leader in the innovative

use of educational technology. The committee anticipates awarding 4-6 proposals totaling

over $21,000. ARCC’s focus is on faculty-led initiatives that improve the educational

experience for Weber State students. Proposals will be competitively evaluated based on the

following four criteria:

1. **Educational Experience:** How does the proposed project enhance the educational

experience of Weber State students? Specifically, how many students will the project

impact?

2. **Innovation:** How does the proposed project help position Weber State as a leader in

innovative use of technology for education? (Note: *experimental* projects with new

technologies should consider applying for the Dee Technology Grant)

3. **Evaluation:** How will the proposed project’s success be evaluated?

4. **Support:** Is there broad support for the project (through matching funds or

collaborations)? Note: projects over $5000 require matching funds.

All four criteria must be explicitly addressed in the proposal In addition, the following guidelines

apply:

• Projects requesting less than $5000 do not require matching funds. Projects over $5000 must have at least 50% of the total over $5000 matched from other sources.

• To be considered for evaluation, proposals will include the signed cover-sheets, a

detailed budget, a project timeline, as well as *no more than three-pages* summarizing

the project and addressing the funding criteria outlined above.

• The proposals must be faculty-initiated projects. That is, no general, college-wide

proposals will be accepted or reviewed. Collaborative proposals, including those

between different departments and colleges, are encouraged.

• Proposals must be reviewed by the college’s ARCC representative and the department

chair. If matching funds are requested from the college, the dean’s signature is also

required.

• Proposals that receive an average score of 50 points or less based on the rubric will not be considered for funding. See the evaluation rubric for criteria.

• For certain projects an IT expert's signature is required. You must contact the

appropriate individual if you are implementing a wireless network, multimedia classroom,

software/hardware purchase that will require use of a campus server or work with online

course software like WebCT Vista or Chi Tester. You must give time before the deadline -the recommendation is 3 weeks - for that person to do an evaluation.