STF Committee:

I am resending the original review about what we hope the STF reserve funds might address if allocated to improving WiFi at Western. I have recently gained commitments from Facilities Management that they will approach this project as a business partner with IT. And a commitment from Academic Affairs that the university will strive to maintain all existing WiFi infrastructure.

From John Furman, Director of Facilities Management
I can commit to supporting the project, and as more information becomes available, work toward a viable operating budget model to maintain the resource.

From Provost Brent Carbajal:
    I wish Academic Affairs were in the position to make some sort of a financial commitment on maintaining WiFi infrastructure, but we're not. What I think is safe to say, however, is that the University has to maintain WiFi infrastructure and has maintained what it has in the past. So, if it's a case of stating that maintenance of WiFi infrastructure is something the university knows is important and that it will have to find ways to do - we can say that.

I do think that we should make a decision about the use of the STF reserve funds at our meeting Thursday. I know this is a difficult decision placed before you with your limited knowledge of the campus WiFi infrastructure. Flowever, I do believe that a significant investment in the campus WiFi with the available STF reserves would be an extremely important strategic investment in the future of Western Washington. WiFi has always been a commitment for STF funds so this is not outside the lines of normal use of the funds. I would leverage this commitment on behalf of the students as a rallying call for all to think in terms of their strategic impact on the future of Western Washington.

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