

# Mathematics Endowment Fund End-of-term Director's Report Spring 2006

## Refunds and Refund Survey Results

This term, MEF had a total of 437 refund requests. We also administered an optional refund survey. Notable results from this survey include:

- Approximately half of students who requested their refund were doing so for the first time; the other half had previously requested one or more refunds from MEF.
- "I can't afford to contribute this term" was selected by 37% of students as the reason they were requesting their refund, making it the most common reason given.
- 1 in 4 students requested their refund despite admitting that they "don't know what MEF does".

## Projects

A total of \$45,445 was allocated to funding requests this term. A listing of projects which received funding is below. For more details regarding the discussion of Funding Council and the Board of Directors on these projects (plus the ones which were denied funding), please consult the Minutes section of the MEF website.

- \* \$3,835 - STAT 443 - Online testing materials
- \* \$3,500 - Support students attending CUMC conference
- \* \$800 - Math Business Double Degree Club - New computer
- \* \$600 - Computer Science Club - Linux CDs for first-year students
- \* \$1,408.69 - AM - Data acquisition board for demonstration
- \* \$7,695 - CS 350 - Hire TA to investigate moving from NachOS to Linux or FreeBSD
- \* \$8,174.51 - MFCF - Nexus client machines
- \* \$4,579.30 - MFCF - New student.math web server
- \* \$5,702.50 - MFCF - New xterm front end server
- \* \$4,000 - PM 464/664 - New course notes
- \* \$3,200 - iGEM (Intercollegiate Genetically Engineered Machine) Team - Supplies for competition
- \* \$250 - iGEM Team - Recruitment of mathematics students
- \* \$1,700 - UW Robotics Team - Equipment

## Administration

Highlights of this term's minutes of the Board of Directors include:

- MEF purchased a (long-overdue) new computer for office use.
- Members of the Board are looking into alumni outreach for donations to MEF.
- Promotional sticky notes bearing the MEF website and logo were given to 2006 frosh.
- A MEF survey/contest is in the works (to be administered in Winter 2007).
- Prof. Winston Cherry was honoured as our long-term faculty representative.
- A new and more detailed Funding Request form replaced the old one.

This will be my last term as Director. Denis Chichkine and Morgan Grainger will be taking over next.

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