



**Date of Board Meeting:** July 18, 2023

**Subject:** Student Course Fee in Air Conditioning, Heating, Refrigeration and Electrical Technology

**Recommendation:** Approve \$35 Student Course Fee in Air Conditioning, Heating, Refrigeration & Electrical Technology (HVAC) Program, effective spring 2024

**Background and Rationale:**

The Air Conditioning, Heating, Refrigeration, & Electrical Technology (HVAC) Program uses a computer-based HVAC simulation software during the instructional process to allow students to diagnose and repair various malfunctions of equipment. This process is repeated with different "Faults" allowing the students to gain hands-on experience without the risk of injury to students or damage to equipment. The current software company, SIMUTECH has gone out of business, with no notice to WCJC of its closure. Since simulation software is vital to student success, faculty researched options and selected a new, cloud-based simulation software.

To offset the annual cost of the software, the request is to approve a \$35 student fee on each of the following courses:

ELPT 1321, 1325, 1329, 1345, 1357, 2305, 2325

HART 1307, 1345, 2336, 2349, 2441, 2442

**Cost and Budgetary Support:** No cost; \$35 x 30 students x 13 courses = \$13,650 from student fees

**Strategic Priority Alignment:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student Success	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Impact
<input type="checkbox"/> Resource Optimization	<input type="checkbox"/> Institutional Excellence

**Resource Person(s):** Robert Sanchez, Program Director of HVAC; Tim Guin, Division Chair

**Signatures:**

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**President's Approval:**

President

7-12-23  
Date