Refresh Planning

As technology continually evolves, there is a need to keep the computer equipment reasonably current. New technologies may require additional capacity and computing power that older systems do not have. Guidelines for specific technology standards are included in the IT Operational Plan each year.

Most standards for organizations and white papers recommend a three- to four-year refresh period for technology. The College has been very proactive over the last few years, via the Refresh Program. The ability for the Refresh Program to remain proactive will be greatly influenced by future budgets. While the California Community College Technology II Initiative in 2001 set a goal for state campuses to have a three-year program to refresh equipment, the District currently has adopted a four to five-year program.

The current system for replacing aging equipment is a “trickle-down” process. New equipment is purchased using various funding sources. The equipment being replaced is then redeployed based upon need. Eventually, older equipment is cycled out of the system. Faculty and staff machines are on a 5-year refresh list and receive newer machines as they are available. Student use and