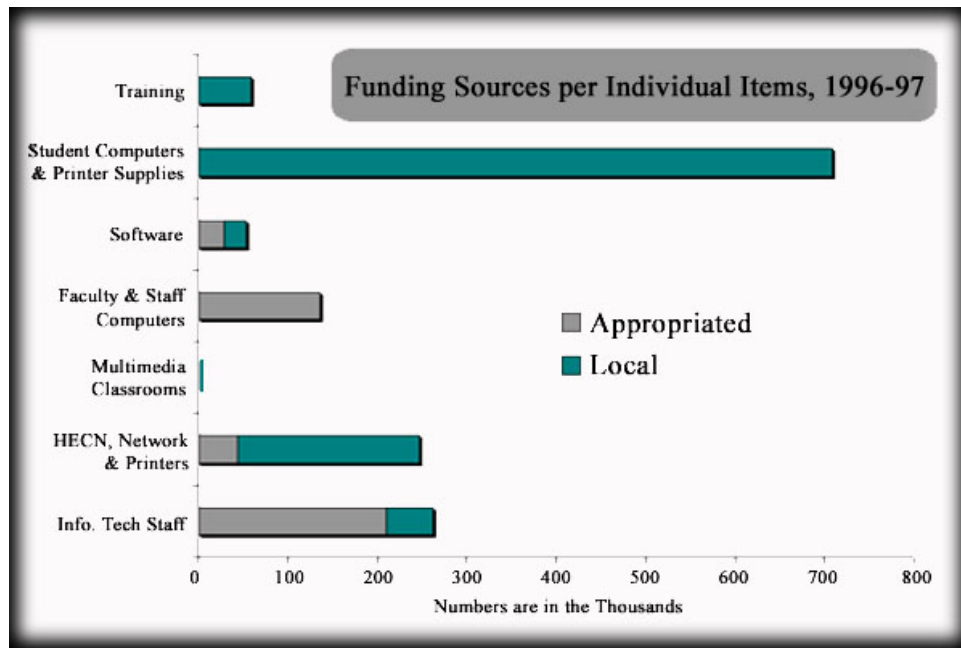
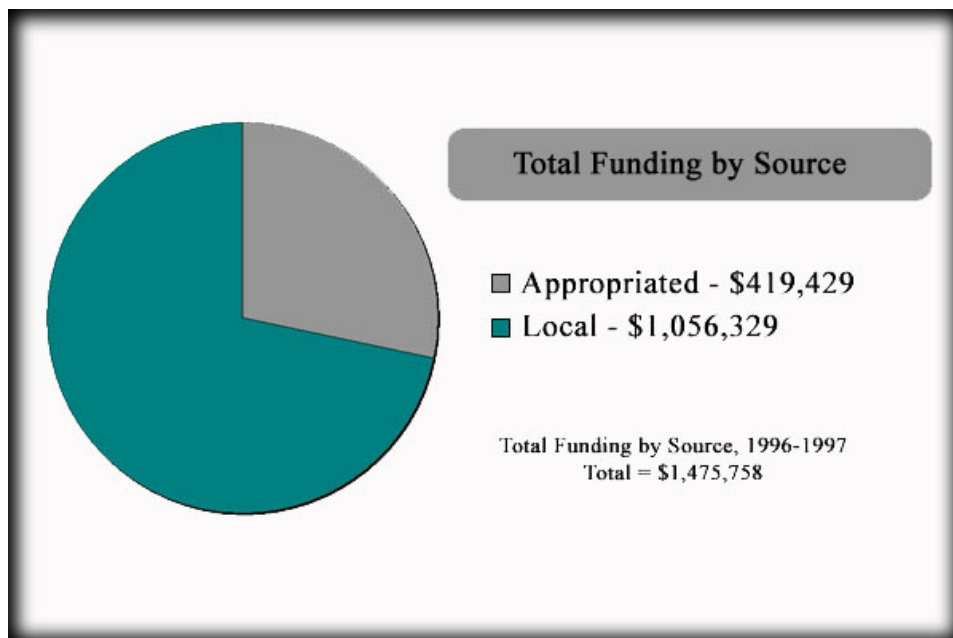


Teaching and Learning with Notebooks: Year 1 (1996-97)



The fall of 1996 was the beginning of a new financial model for IT (information technology) at VCSU. Students were assessed a technology fee in exchange for a notebook computer, printing supplies and a help desk for technical support. Student computers and student fees became the most significant expenses and revenues in the IT budget. Fifty percent of the State appropriated funds were directed to staffing. Local funds added network infrastructure to the residence halls and student center.



The large increase in revenues from the student technology fee and local funds from grants and Auxiliary Services provided 72% of the \$1,475,758 IT budget. These figures do not reflect funding from a Title III grant which provides an average of \$131,470 per year, from 1995-2000, for additional IT staff, faculty stipends, equipment and supplies. When added to the funding sources chart, 26.1% of the IT budget came from State appropriations in 1996-97.