

February 6, 1998

MEMORANDUM RESPONSE DEADLINE:  
February 20, 1998

TO: Presidents

FROM: Barry W. Russell  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Operating Officer

SUBJECT: Collaborative Efforts with UNC Institutions

Within the last couple of years, several of our colleges have been involved in collaborative programs with UNC institutions. These programs, funded as pilots by the General Assembly, have included the offering of baccalaureate completion and masters-level programs on community college campuses. Specific examples include an Elementary Education program offered at Coastal Carolina Community College by UNC-W and a baccalaureate Engineering Technology program offered at Gaston, Forsyth and Wake by UNCC. The university system has been asked to develop and present a plan for expanding these kinds of efforts throughout the state. The delivery of programs will be done through a combination of on-site instruction and the utilization of distance learning technologies (North Carolina Information Highway and Internet-based courses).

We have been asked by the UNC General Administration to assist in identifying those areas in the state where programs may be needed and also those community colleges that would be interested in participating in this collaborative effort. For your college to participate, you would need to provide classroom space, learning resources such as computer labs and your library, and office space for an on-site coordinator who will be provided by UNC. For the pilot sites, UNC has provided some assistance with these services through the enhancement of library offerings and, in some cases, the funding of a computer lab for UNC students, which could also be used by community college students. Although these needs will be determined and addressed on a case-by-case basis, UNC is prepared (assuming the requested state funds are appropriated) to extend the same kind of support as future programs are brought on line. In addition, we know that there will be other costs associated with your making space available for this purpose. We are currently identifying and analyzing those costs and will work with UNC and the General Assembly to secure funding assistance to compensate colleges for those costs. To help you assess student interest in participating in those courses, we have enclosed the results of a needs assessment survey of students from your college. This assessment, which was administered in Fall 1996, reports the number of students who expressed interest in each of the potential baccalaureate majors listed on the survey.

In preparation for the short session of the General Assembly, UNC will develop a multi-year plan for bringing the new collaborative programs on line. We have pledged to assist by informing our

institutions of this opportunity and by determining the interest level in participation from our colleges. I will, therefore, appreciate your letting me know if you are interested in participating. To assist in collecting this information, I have included a questionnaire and will appreciate your completing and returning it to me no later than February 20, 1998.

Please let me know if you have questions. I can be reached at (919) 733-7051. Thank you.

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Enclosures

cc: H. Martin Lancaster

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Questionnaire

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA/NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
SYSTEM COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMMING

Please indicate interest in your college being considered as a site for future collaborative programming with the University of North Carolina. These programs will include junior and senior level courses leading to the baccalaureate degree and possibly graduate level programs.

Please check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ My college is not interested at this time.

\_\_\_\_\_ My college is currently participating in one of the pilot projects and would be interested in continuing or expanding its participation when the pilot project is ended.

\_\_\_\_\_ My college would like to be considered as a site for one of the collaborative projects.

\_\_\_\_\_ My college would be interested in being considered as a site for a future collaborative project, but only if the following barriers can be overcome (please indicate specific obstacles that will need to be addressed):

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NAME OF COLLEGE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PERSON RESPONDING TO QUESTIONNAIRE:

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Fax this form no later than February 20, 1998 to:

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