

MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 30, 1998

**TO:** Presidents

**FROM:** Barry W. Russell  
Executive Vice President

**SUBJECT:** Distance Learning

This memo is a follow-up to our discussion at the Presidents' Association meeting about North Carolina Community Colleges' increasing involvement in distance learning and the benefits of collaboration in some activities. To move forward in our efforts, I need your input in two areas:

1. Is your college interested in participating in the distance learning consortium currently being formed? As explained at the Presidents' Association meeting, this consortium, to be composed of interested community colleges, will determine policies and procedures for collaboration in distance learning. Participation is voluntary and not restricted to this start-up period.
2. Please provide the name of the distance learning coordinator at your college. Your response will assist the System Office in communication about issues related to distance learning. Appropriate future correspondence regarding distance learning issues will be sent to the person you identify with a copy to you.

**Please respond to me on these two items by Aug. 14.**

As you are aware, coordination of distance learning activities at the System Office has been assigned to Bob Blackmum, Associate Vice President for Information Resources and Technology, and Dr. Janyth Fredrickson, Associate Vice President of Academic and Student Services. Please feel free to contact them regarding issues, concerns, or requests about distance learning activities in North Carolina.

Thank you for your response to this memo and for your interest in distance learning. With thoughtful communication and collaboration, our community college system is continuing its tradition of innovation and access to our communities of lifelong learners.

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