

September 21, 1998

MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents

FROM: Barry Russell
Executive Vice President

SUBJECT: Distance Learning Consortium

Thank you for your prompt response in favor of participating in the Distance Learning consortium and in naming a coordinator. You have joined the large majority of community college presidents around the system in electing to participate in this collaborative initiative.

The first meeting of the consortium will be in Pittsboro on September 10 from 1-3 p.m. at the Chatham County campus of Central Carolina Community College. The agenda of this important organizational meeting includes:

- selection of a steering committee composed of presidents
- discussion of purpose and scope of the consortium
- agreement on the process to define the purpose and scope
- identification of next steps

Some proposed guidelines to select the steering committee are enclosed. Following possible revisions at the meeting Sept. 10, they will be used in forming the initial steering committee.

If you are interested, after this organizational meeting Bob Tanner from the Division of Workforce Development at the Department of Commerce will be available to meet with you to discuss Power Tools for Education (PTE). As you are aware, PTE is a collaborative venture to use network-based technology to offer training to the state's workforce, initially to those in information technology.

I look forward to meeting with you on Sept. 10 to initiate the community college consortium. Please contact Janyth Fredrickson, Associate Vice President, Academic & Student Services, at (919)733-7051, ext. 414, if you would like additional information.

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