

March 2, 2000

MEMORANDUM

To: President

From: Bob Blackmun, Associate Vice President,
Information Resources and Technology

Janyth Fredrickson, Associate Vice President,
Academic & Student Services

Subject: Virtual Learning Community

The attachment with this letter contains information about the licensing of Blackboard CourseInfo and the file server for delivery of Virtual Learning Courses. The information includes prices that reflect a group discount, services and components included in the license fee, file server specifications, and options for colleges which do not have file servers.

While the standard purchase fee for Blackboard CourseInfo is \$5,000, Blackboard has agreed to provide the license to North Carolina community colleges for \$3,500 if purchased before March 31. License purchases after March 31 will be \$4,000 for a year. Instructions are included to purchase the license.

The attachment also includes information about options on file servers to deliver Virtual Learning Courses, as well as local courses. The options include the use of an existing server, the purchase of a server, outsourcing the file server, and the creation of college consortiums to share file server space. For colleges interested in creating a consortium, the System Office can serve as a broker to facilitate communication and identify a solution.

If you have questions or want additional information, please contact Neil Hollands, the Virtual Learning Community coordinator, at (919) 733-7051.

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Attachments

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