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RE: Ad Hoc Committee on On-line Education

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As you are probably aware, I have stated that we need to have the future directions of our initiatives in on-line course and degree offerings reviewed and considered. For the last decade, Eastern has moved at a modest rate into distance delivery of courses and degree programs. Our focus has been on faculty and department led initiatives that build upon our existing expertise and reach out to those populations that have been logical extensions of the populations we have historically served.

The college deans and administrative councils have discussed and collected information on current offerings and the additional initiatives that have already received unit-level consideration. This material provides a good overview of Eastern's efforts in this arena and will be a good point of departure for a more thorough study.

To assemble a broad-based group to look at such questions, I have received some suggested names from the deans and had several individuals volunteer spontaneously. I would like to invite each of your governance groups to suggest the names of two individuals who you think would be thoughtful contributors to these discussions. From the various names of individuals, I will assemble a committee with the advice and counsel of the Faculty Senate and charge them to begin post haste with the start of the coming academic year. Upon the appointment of this committee, I will refine the charge somewhat to assist them with their deliberations.

Thank you for your assistance.

cc. Council of Deans