

For discussion at Distance Learning Task Force January 15, 2004

Suggested changes in Draft Document of 10/08/03 “Funding for On-Line Education”

Based on comments from LTR, Planning and Graduate Sub-Meets, UCAP, two open sessions, FA executive committee and M and C, and other forums, the draft will have the following changes:

Definition: For our purposes, an internet course is one that meets three or fewer times face-to-face. Items below apply only to these courses.

Basic Fees: The current fee for on-campus students is approximately \$30 per credit. We recommend that the basic fee for internet courses remain \$30 per credit. The technology fee (currently \$7) will go to support technology for distance learning rather than for on-campus initiatives. The MnOnline fee, if required (\$5 per credit for classes meeting one or fewer times face-to-face), would come out of the remaining \$23.

Additional Fees: Graduate programs may charge differential tuition (contingent on University and MnSCU approval).

Generating resources to sustain programs: We propose a formula by which “surplus” revenue is returned to the program for reinvestment in distance learning. The formula would be a variation of the F/S College allocation model. For internet courses at the UG level every seat above ten (at the graduate level, every seat above seven) generates \$130 “surplus.” As with F/S College, 30% will go to Extended Learning. 70% will go to the program generating the surplus.