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.