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TO: President Jack Miller
FROM: President of the University Senate

1. The attached motion of the University Senate, dealing with

Resolution on Ad-Hoc E-Learning Committee of Senate
is presented to you for your consideration. ~~Two~~ ^{one} additional copies are included for your use.

2. This motion was adopted by the University Senate on Oct 23, 2006

3. After considering this motion, please indicate your action on this form, and return it together with the original copy to the President of the University Senate.

4. Under the By-Laws of the University Senate, Section 3.8, the following schedule of action is to be observed.

a) By Oct 30, 2006, Senate action reported to the President of University.
(Date) OCT 30 2006

(Within five school days of the session in which they are adopted).

b) By _____, President of the University to return the motion to the
(Date)

President of the Senate. (Within 10 school days of its receipt).

(Date) Tim Craine
President, University Senate (Tim Craine)

ENDORSEMENT:

TO: President of the University Senate

FROM: President Jack Miller

1. Motion Approved _____

2. Motion Disapproved _____
(Explanatory statement must be appended)

3. Action "is deferred" _____

4. Resolution Noted _____

5. Other _____

Date

Jack Miller
President

Subject: Proposed Resolution on Ad-Hoc E-Learning Committee of Senate

Whereas the introduction of the Vista course management software potentially affects all courses taught at CCSU and therefore requires policies governing or guiding its use;

Whereas the implementation of Vista has required a considerable effort in training faculty and further use of such software requires serious consideration of the advisability of employing instructional designers to permanently assist faculty;

Whereas it is important to evaluate the advisability of upgrading Vista to its next version, replacing it by BlackBoard branded software, or seeking an alternative commercial or open-source product;

Whereas the more or less complete decentralization of OnLineCSU to the constituent universities now being undertaken by the System Office necessitates a revision of our current on-line policy;

Whereas it is essential to provide faculty input to the eventual decision on the final status of OnlineCSU and such structures that may replace it at the CCSU level;

Whereas the use of course management software and the offering of online courses are not merely technical changes, but key parts of e-learning, bringing up essential questions of pedagogy that have to be addressed ;

Therefore, be it Resolved that Senate establish an Ad-Hoc Committee on E-learning with the following mandate:

- 1) To provide information to relevant Senate committees on developments with respect to e-learning and to foster faculty expertise in this area;
- 2) To provide guidelines for the development of policy concerning Vista and On-Line CSU, and any other computer technologies that essentially impact course pedagogy;
- 3) To cooperate with relevant University executive officers in developing a coherent CCSU strategy for e-learning;
- 4) To synthesize our CCSU experience of Vista and OnLineCSU and related matters, and produce a report on e-learning to be submitted to Senate by the end of academic year 2006-07, with recommendations on how to proceed;

Further, be it further Resolved that the President of the Senate be charged with constituting this committee, the members of which shall be drawn from or include at least the following:

- 1) Member(s) from the Curriculum, Computer Information Technology and University Planning and Budget committees;
- 2) The Coordinator of CCSU's on-line Data Mining program, and the lead CCSU trainer for Vista;
- 3) and such other faculty or administrative faculty, or administrators whose presence is judged essential to the mandate of the Committee.