

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Council of Deans

FROM: James V. Maher

DATE: January 3, 2001

SUBJECT: E-Business Working Group Report: Procedure and Resource Group

As some of you may know, this summer Art Ramicone, Vice Chancellor for Budget and Controller, asked a working group to review the business issues associated with the numerous E-commerce proposals and certain web-enabled services and experiments being advanced at the University. In addition, he asked them to recommend a strategy for ensuring that: [a] such ventures will enhance the University's strategic goals; [b] resources will be optimally utilized; [c] appropriate legal issues will be addressed; and [d] we share and learn from each others' experiences and knowledge.

I am pleased to advise you that the E-business and Technology Strategy Working Group has recommended a strategy consistent with the stated goals, and provided useful findings, guidelines and other recommendations. Of particular import to each of you, the Working Group Report has recommended the creation of an E-Business Resource Group to provide a streamlined and expeditious business review that will help us achieve the announced strategy and respond quickly and efficiently to proposals. A copy of the Working Group's Report, as well as Resource Group information, is attached for your review.

I would like to discuss this Report with you at an upcoming meeting of the Council of Deans.

JVM/azt

Attachments

cc: Mark A. Nordenberg
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