JOINT TASK FORCE ON ONLINE LEARNING (JTFOL)

CHARGE

December 4, 2006

The charge of the Task Force is to respond to the following questions:

1. What should be the standards/best practices for online instruction at UMA? (Should the standards differ from those of courses taught face-to-face?)

2. What strategies should be undertaken in the future to handle the demand for online instruction? (Will “online instruction” become institution-wide or remain mostly program specific? How will faculty be selected? Who decides when and where the online courses are taught? How will online courses be maintained and sustained? Should there be a limit on the number of online courses taught in a department? Should there be a required minimum of face-to-face instruction stipulated in residential degree programs on a residential campus?)

3. For what purpose should resources be allocated for the delivery of online credit courses? (Faculty training? Program development? Where should resources be directed in order to deliver quality instruction and services? [The Taskforce is requested not to deliberate how much should be charged or spent at this time.])

A report to the Provost and Faculty Senate is requested by June 15, 2006.

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