UNC TLT Collaborative
Spring 2001 Campus Funding Allocations

1. Campus: Appalachian State University

2. Campus office that is to receive the funding allocation: Instructional Computing Services (a division of Information Technology Services)

3. Accounting information: Budget Account: 09-1-09270-5213

4. Project Category or Categories:

TLT Professional Development – CMS Training Services

Other Campuses receiving allocations in this category:
ASU, ECSU, UNC-A, UNC-G

5. Project Description:

IFTT - Initiative for Faculty Training in Technology

The project links distributions of laptop computers to teaching faculty to a curriculum of workshops, consulting and presentations that deal with the use of computer technology for enhancing teaching and learning. This project coordinates the efforts of Instructional Computing Services, the Hubbard Center for Faculty and Staff Support, and computing specialists from each of the Appalachian colleges to provide an integrated curriculum encompassing numerous topics related to educational computing.

In return for receiving a new laptop computer, participating faculty must agree to attend (or to "test out of") a number of "core" workshops, after which they can select a number of more advanced or discipline-specific topics related to their teaching interests. A central component of the "core" program involves three introductory workshops about the WebCT Course Management System, followed by hoptional more advanced WebCT workshops (quiz module, incorporating streaming media, student-instructor data collaboration) and informal, walk-in consulting sessions. Additional workshops address such issues as web-specific pedagogy, collaborative writing, streaming media, as well as how those issues can be integrated into the WebCT environment.

6. Collaboration with other UNC Campuses:

Appalachian will either visit TLT centers at other institutions interested in developing similar programs or invite those interested Academic Technology professionals to visit Appalachian to discuss or participate in the program. Additionally, we will make available our curricular materials, workshop outlines, and survey results, with the intent

of allowing others to implement similar programs, perhaps learning from our experiences rather that starting from scratch. Additionally, Appalachian would like this project to serve as a seed for a collaborative training consortium - Appalachian can either provide or assist other institutions in providing WebCT training for faculty in return for reciprocal efforts in other areas (Windows 2000 training, online course design, or other IT-related topics.)

7. Deliverables in addition to those specified for all 2001 UNC TLT funding allocations: