




THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

TO: Deans, Directors and Department Heads

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SUBJECT: Discontinuation of BellSouth Calling Cards

BellSouth calling cards were issued to a number of University departments. Most of these BellSouth calling cards were issued prior to the award of a state calling card contract or for purposes of international travel. BellSouth has increased their rates to \$5.98 for the first minute of each call and \$.99 for each additional minute. These rates are no longer economical. Effective immediately, the issuance of BellSouth calling cards will be discontinued. In addition, all BellSouth calling cards that are already in circulation will no longer be valid after October 15, 2003. **UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES SHOULD CEASE USING THE BELL SOUTH CALLING CARD IMMEDIATELY.**

All campus holders of BellSouth calling cards will be contacted via telephone by a Telecommunications representative within the next few days. During this call, we will provide instructions for ordering the state calling card. Please note that the state calling card offers a rate of \$.095 per minute for interstate and intrastate calls. Where international service is available, the rates are discounted from the standard tariff and contain no surcharge. For a listing of countries where service is provided by the state calling card, visit the state ITS website at [www.nccard.net](http://www.nccard.net). Should you determine that the state calling card will not provide the international service that is needed, the Telecommunications representative will give you other options.

If you indicate that a faculty or staff member has the BellSouth calling card and is unavailable for contact by September 19, 2003, we will extend the discontinuation date until the cardholder is notified. Please indicate to the Telecommunications representative that you need this extension of the deadline.

If you have any questions, please contact Telecommunications at 962-4189.

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