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Oregon WIN Board Meeting
May 24, 2002, 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Oregon State University, Corvallis

Members Present: John Greydanus, Alan Heywood, Mark Kramer, Mike Lancaster, Tom Matney, Larry Pribyl, Paul Snyder, Bob Vogel.
Participating Members Present: Paul Yeiter,

I. General Announcements

OUS - John Greydanus announced that Dr. Richard Jarvis, currently chancellor of the U.S. Open University, has been selected to become the new chancellor of the Oregon University System, replacing retiring Chancellor Joseph Cox. Richard Jarvis has a strong background and interest in distance education and may provide important leadership in advancing distance education programs and services. It was also noted that WOU has appointed Don Olcott as Executive Director of the Division of Extended Studies. Don also has a strong professional background in distance education. Finally, it was reported that the OUS LAAP and FIPSE grants, that have driven OUS distance education initiatives over the past three years, are ending. OUS is in the process of conducting campus-by-campus assessments to identify next possible steps.

K-12 - K-12 also is under new leadership with the election of Susan Castillo as Superintendent of Public Schools. Susan Castillo is well respected by educators in the state. Her agenda and interest in distance education is unknown at this time. Paul Yeiter noted that OPEN and LBLESD are moving forward in planning and developing online and interactive video distance education courses. Discussions are focused on how to share courses, enrollments and funds among schools and districts. John Greydanus noted that talks continue among OUS, ODE and OPEN on strategies to add K-12 courses to the ONE catalog and on how best to share IP video resources.

Community Colleges - Paul Snyder reported the community colleges have undertaken a planning process to create multiply formulas for sharing distance education courses among campuses. Many of the central operations relating to distance education have been contract to Chemeketa Community College. The Oregon Community College Distance Education Council will continue to meet and discuss collaborative activities and course sharing.

II. OPAN Update

John Greydanus reported that OPAN completed its seventh week of producing and airing a weekly 2-hour public affairs program. Each

program is aired twice a week over Oregon WIN to cable channels in Portland, Corvallis, and Eugene. PEG cable channels in Silverton and Beaverton were recently installed as Oregon WIN receive sites and are scheduled to begin airing OPAN and Legislative Media programs. WOU is also considering carrying OPAN programs on their PEG channel in Monmouth and Independence. Oregon WIN is working with Legislative Media to install a donated microwave system between the Capital and Prospect Hill. This will increase the amount of Oregon Legislative coverage available to the network. The OPAN Board met on May 17th and initiated a fund raising plan that should make OPAN operational by September 1, 2002. Oregon WIN will continue to provide operational support through August 31, 2002.

III. Oregon WIN Website.

John Greydanus asked the Board to continue monitoring the changes and improvements to the Oregon WIN website (<http://oregonwin.org>). The site includes promotional material, scheduling forms and receive site and network information important to members.

IV. Network Issues

John Greydanus handed out an equipment list and schematic of a video failsafe switch to be installed on all Oregon WIN STLs. The failsafe video switch will ensure that campus STLs carry video on a 24x7 basis. The installation will eliminate the tripping of false network alarms whenever a campus switches video away from the STL transmitter. John asked that Board members share the schematic with engineering staff. Additional questions should be directed to Tom Williams (541-737-3822).

John Greydanus reported the installation of four new receive sites at Lane ESD in Eugene, Silverton Together (PEG Channel) in Silverton, the State Capital Building in Salem, and Tualatin Valley Cable Access in Beaverton. The LBCC Lebanon site is pending.

V. Review of Royalty Investments

The Board discussed how member institutions are investing royalty fees. All campuses reported retaining some portion of the initial royalty payment for future use. Investments to date have focused on video production hardware, upgrades to ITV facilities, and operational and technical staff support. Members have not used the funds to seed or support specific instructional programs. However the improved facilities have allowed campuses to undertake new projects and promote the distribution of cultural events, research programs and campus activities to a wider audience. Lane CC and WOU have courses under consideration for delivery to high schools and/or learning centers. LBCC is delivering writing and algebra courses to students at regional learning centers and is investigating adding nursing and fire science courses.

VI. Discussion of New Program Ideas

The Board highlighted a number of key approaches and areas for program growth.

- Seeking outside grants to fund program development that brings multiple providers together.
- Maintaining a mixed mode approach where high quality video is a component of the educational program.
- Focusing on all aspects of faculty/teacher training and development.
- Looking at opportunities for other government or private organizations to use the network to train targeted clients.
- Key content areas are Tech. Prep, Nursing, Fire Science and EMT Training.
- The network's integration with PEG channels makes the network a useful tool for public relations programming such as cultural events, lecture series, sports and commencements.

V. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2002 from 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. and will be hosted at Linn Benton Community College.