

Information Systems & Educational Technologies Commission

CAAHE – June 2, 2005
Nashville, TN

Introductions:

The first official IS & ET Commission Meeting was opened at 11:15 by Craig Heimburger of IPD. Craig introduced himself, presented the meeting's agenda, and addressed IPD's role in the new commission. Subsequently each member present gave a brief introduction; members included Steve Holcombe (Southern Wesleyan University), Eric Hoogstra (Cornerstone University), Amy Johnson (Olivet Nazarene University), and Joanne Reilly (Albertus Magnus University).

Discussion:

-We discussed the role of online courses at our respective institutions. Some schools had tried Flex courses (meeting onground first and last course, then online in the middle) and had found little success. One university had implemented a blended program, where each course was either completely online or completely onground, yet the program was made up of both online and onground courses.

-It was then brought up that the commission should have a place on the CAAHE website to share web links and articles. Everyone agreed this would be an excellent resource.

-The by-laws of the IS&ET Commission were read and discussed.

-Some universities are having a hard time getting the middle layer of administration to 'buy into' the idea of online. Resources are not being allocated in the most practical manner because some administrators do not see a need. We discussed using this as a topic for a future CAAHE workshop.

-Each school has found their students to have a wide variety of IT skills, ranging from none to a well-equipped user. We discussed ways to include everyone in the courses and many thought an orientation or remedial courses would serve as the best solution. This may also be a good topic for a future CAAHE workshop.

Elected Officers:

Eric Hoogstra and Steve Holcombe - co-chairs
Joanne Reilly - vice-president
Amy Johnson – secretary

A motion was made allowing any of these four members to fill any of the officer positions in 2006-2007 term.

Action Items:

-The Commission would like to see a site on the CAAHE webpage to share ideas, links, and articles. We all agreed to look for such article and links to submit once the site is functional.

-We are going to send out a survey, similar to the IPD survey (April 2005), to determine the needs of member institutions. The survey will also request contact information for IT people at each university, and a ranking system to prioritize each institutions IT goals.

-Finally, we would like to work on a library resource of some kind for the consortium. We will look into our options and begin pricing these services.

Respectfully submitted,
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The mission of the **Information Systems & Educational Technologies Commission** (IS&ET) is to advance the understanding, use, and integration of information systems and educational technology services among CAAHE member institutions. The Commission seeks to foster an environment to facilitate technology information sharing through open dialogue and collaboration in order to provide Consortium members with models and best practices. (<http://www.caahe.org>)