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**Minutes  
Distance Learning Advisory Committee  
July 2, 2003**

**The Distance Learning Advisory Committee (DLAC) met  
July 2nd at 10:30 a.m. (ET) at the  
Council on Postsecondary Education.**

*ROLL CALL*

The following members were present: Doug Robinson (representing Aldona Valicenti), Ronald Eaglin, Barton Darrell, Dr. Byron Bond (representing Joanne Glasser), James Nelson, Gale Rhodes (representing James Ramsey), Tom Denton (representing King Alexander), Robert Johnson (representing Michael McCall), Thomas Layzell, Daniel Rabuzzi, Robert Wyatt (representing Gary Ransdell), Andy Spears (representing Lee Todd), Gary Pratt (representing James Votruba), Mary Lassiter, Michael Clark (representing Michael Wall), Lee Nimocks (representing Gary Cox), Willie Lile, Joan Taylor, William Turner, Linda Pittenger (representing Gene Wilhoit).

Also present: Myk Garn, Miko Pattie, Norma Northern, Sue Patrick, Gene Ranvier, Chela Kaplan (EPSB), Tonya Crum (DAEL), Dianne Garrison (KSU).

*WELCOMING  
REMARKS*

President Thomas Layzell presented his welcoming remarks and spoke about the last meeting at Western Kentucky University and the spring DLAC was postponed due to the legislative session. This meeting was to discuss how to make the DLAC more effective.

*CHAIR'S  
REMARKS*

Thomas Layzell turned the meeting over to Daniel Rabuzzi.

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

The minutes of the November 13, 2002 meeting were approved as distributed.

*AGENDA ITEM:*

**Governance**

The discussion among the DLAC members of how KYVU is important to education reform and the importance of DLAC as a whole. Gary Pratt stated that there is not lack of representation of the institutions, but the representation is from the standpoint of what is managed on a daily basis. Barton Darrell also stated that the DLAC has to make the decisions more economical and more concerned about commitment to postsecondary education. Thomas Layzell stated that if the representation works for each institution then the committee should go with this representation until further discussion. The DLAC may need to consider change in DLAC composition, such as the major partners Education Professional Standards Board, the Department for Adult Education and Literacy, and the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority. These partners are not represented directly and should be considered in reorganization of the DLAC committee. The KYVU and KYVL welcome all institutions as partners in electronic teaching and learning.

**Learners**

Daniel Rabuzzi stated that the KYVU started in 1999 with a total of 292 students. The KYVU now has over 13,600(unduplicated headcount) students. The KYVU is touching all 120 counties through out Kentucky. There are also, 25 out of the 63 in need counties that are being helped by the KYVU. The KYVU has made such leaps in success with 93% of students that are non-residential or traditional. The average age of the student going through the KYVU is 30. The non-traditional student is becoming more and more the way education is going in Kentucky and many other states. The statistical information from KYVU does show that 60 to 70 percent of students taking online courses are female. These learners are tied to workforce oriented goals and want to advance in their education for job advancement. The technology for learners today are evolving before policy and the KYVU will meet those needs. The KYVU has evolved since their first semester in 1999. Thomas Layzell stated that the

DLAC needs to get into more policy discussions. The two main issues are:

- Not to Duplicate Efforts
- Need Sounding Board

These needs of policy will be very important to DLAC when trying to get more members involved and more decisions are made about technology and advancement.

### *Partnerships*

Ronald Eaglin talked about KET being a possible partner with KYVU, he wanted to know what happened to the discussions of KET playing a big role with KYVU. Daniel Rabuzzi states, that the partnerships with all institutions have hidden costs in providing the online services for students. The KYVU needs to show what has been invested to bring the online learning to the learners in the state of Kentucky. The partnership with faculty, learners, and technology are all important issues. The KYVU has a statewide learning system, which is Angel. The KYVU encourages every institution to join in Angel at no cost to their institution. There are several major players in postsecondary education that use Angel, such as: Penn State University and Michigan State University. There is also discussion regarding Adult Education working county-by-county to reach students to go further in their educational career. Michael Clark stated that KET will continue to invest in technology through satellite and digital and they are very interested in partnering with the KYVU.

### *UPDATE*

Daniel Rabuzzi stated that in the next DLAC meeting that Services would be discussed. He made some points on the FYI Agenda, such as:

- Revolving Loan Fund
- U-CAN
- KVVU for P-12

### *ADJOURN*

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on July 2, 2003 at the CPE Offices in Conference Room A.