

## Distance Learning Advisory Committee

Minutes – April 22, 1998

The Distance Learning Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Lee Todd on April 22, 1998 in the CPE Conference Room.

Larry Fowler called the roll. The following members were present:

Norma Adams  
President Kern Alexander  
Dr. Gary Cox  
President Ronald Eaglin  
Virginia Fox  
Ken Nelson for President Hanly Funderburk  
Secretary Viola Miller  
Jack Moreland  
Jim Nelson  
James Ramsey  
President Gary Ransdell  
Ron Moore for President Shumaker  
President Mary Smith  
Lee Todd  
Aldona Valicenti  
President James Votruba  
Ben Carr for President Wethington

Chair Todd first welcomed Aldona Valicenti, Chief Information Officer for the Commonwealth, to her first meeting as a member of DLAC.

The minutes of the March 9 meeting were approved on the motion of Dr. Cox and seconded by Ms Fox.

Chair Todd thanked the staff for preparing a verbatim transcript and providing copies to DLAC members. (NOTE: DLAC members, CIO's, CAO's, and points of contact were sent a verbatim transcript of the April 22nd meeting).

Chair Todd then explained changes in the agenda. The report of the CPE consultant on the CVU, Dr. George Connick, was moved to first on the agenda to ensure adequate time for discussion. In addition, the draft *Policy Statement Guiding Development of the Commonwealth Virtual University* was changed from an action item to an information item to allow Dr. Connick an opportunity to review the draft. Chair Todd indicated his hope that the document could be approved at the July CPE meeting.

Chair Todd then introduced Dr. Connick noting that he had also appeared before the DLAC at its January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Dr. Connick indicated that his consulting role would focus on taking the CVU concept and building a model focused on serving two kinds of consumers - - students and education providers - - with the student being primary. He then briefly described several functions of a virtual university:

- Call Center - single point of contact for the student
- Marketing – ensuring students will know what is available statewide
- Bookstore – single source for students to obtain books and supplies
- “Smart Catalog”
- Needs Assessments – What do students, business, government want?
- Library Services
- Computer Hardware and Software – Student access to and standards for.
- Academic Logistics – How to deal with issues of scale?

A lengthy question and discussion period followed Dr. Connick’s presentation with all DLAC members actively participating in the discussion.

Considerable discussion centered on incentives for institutions and faculty to participate in a major way in the CVU. There are also disincentives to participation and those need to be removed. Some of the early users of distance learning technologies are ready to help others get started.

Chair Todd recognized Miko Pattie who gave a progress report on the Commonwealth Virtual Library. This effort is moving forward at a rapid pace with the assistance of the CPE virtual library consultant, Dr. William Potter, Director of the University of Georgia Libraries.

Patrick Kelly then brought the committee up-to-date on the development of the CVU Web Page.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.