



East Texas Regional Group of the Texas Distance Learning Association

At our Kick-Off Meeting at Stephen F. Austin University attendees outlined the following goals and purposes from the perspective of Administration, Faculty, Faculty Support and Training Distance Education Student Support, and Technical Support.

Administration:

Purpose

- 1.share policies and procedures
- 2.collaborate for funds through grants and legislation
- 3.share best practices
- 4.work toward compatibility
 - curriculum
 - technology
 - vocabulary
 - delivery platforms
- 5.promote and facilitate communication
 - through articulation agreements
 - to maximize infrastructure
 - among institutions (presidents and deans)
- 6.facilitate training
- 7.maximize NETnet infrastructure

Faculty:

Purpose:

- 1.share and exchange ideas

Goals:

- 1.resolve the issue of intellectual property
- 2.resolve the issue of residential requirements
- 3.resolve the issue of virtual office hours
- 4.resolve the issue of out-of-state tuition

Faculty Support & Training:

Purpose:

- 1.share resources
- 2.share methods of preparing faculty to use technology

Goals:

- 1.develop a faculty development plan that may be shared with others
- 2.develop methods of overcoming barriers that prevent faculty from utilizing technology
- 3.develop plans for use of mentors

Methods:

- 1.communicate frequently
- 2.share *practical* "how-to" ideas
- 3.share a collaborative web site



Distance Education Student Support:

Purpose:

1.collaborate with group members regarding what methods work and what methods do not work

Goals:

- 1.identify services that need to be addressed
- 2.identify and share services, support, and resources

Objectives:

- 1.improve student support services
- 2.develop cooperative library services
TLC membership
Texas Virtual School

Tasks:

- 1.establish a listserv
- 2.establish a web site

Technical Support:

Purpose:

- 1.networking (sharing knowledge and resources)
H.320
H.323
course software
providing support

Goals:

- 1.hold four regional meetings
- 2.have a subgroup meeting once a month
- 3.establish a web site
- 4.establish a listserv

Methods:

- 1.investigate connectivity between members of the group