

APPENDIX B

DRAFT Constitution West Virginia Virtual Learning Network (WVVLN)

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be the West Virginia Virtual Learning Network.

Article II: Membership

Section 1. Membership shall consist of one voting representative from each college and university participating in the network. Institutions may send more than one representative to meetings but only one person per institution may vote. Should the voting member not be present, the alternate may vote as the institutional representative.

Section 2. Voting members are appointed by institutional presidents who notify WVVLN of the appointment.

Article III: Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this network shall be to improve statewide distance learning efforts through the formulation, implementation, and review of policies which represent the intent of state colleges and universities and which continue to reflect national trends and standards in distance learning. This will also give members a means by which issues may be discussed and action initiated.

Article IV: Powers

Section 1. The WVVLN shall act in an advisory capacity to the Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Technology or to the staff person with the WV Higher Education Policy Commission (WVHEPC) who advises the Chancellor of the WVHEPC on matters regarding distance learning and/or technology. Proposals or recommendations to the Special Assistant shall be adopted by the WVVLN when they receive the approval of the majority of the members present at any official meeting of this organization.

Section 2: WVVLN shall operate on the assumption that the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission has final authority pertaining to public higher education statewide distance learning efforts.

Section 3: Since distance learning efforts derive from academic affairs, the Director of Academic

Affairs of the WVHEPC is designated a voting member of the WVVLN; furthermore, all WVVLN decisions must be in compliance with academic policies adopted by the WVHEPC.

Article V: Meetings

Section 1: WVVLN shall meet a minimum of once each semester. The Special Assistant or his/her designated representative shall preside at all meetings. The rules of parliamentary procedure shall be observed by this organization.

Article VI: Records

Section 1: Minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the WVVLN and shall be distributed to members.

Article VII: Duties

Section 1: The organization shall assist the Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Technology or the staff person with the WV Higher Education Policy Commission (WVHEPC) who advises the Chancellor of the WVHEPC on matters regarding distance learning and/or technology with the formulation, review, and implementation of policies related to the management of this organization and statewide distance learning efforts.

Article VIII: Ratification

Section 1: This Constitution shall be officially adopted when it receives the approval of a two-thirds majority of the members present.

Article IX: Amendments

Section 1: Amendments to this Constitution shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by members.