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Multicasting Format and Process

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I have been using technology in my classroom for many years at Bradley University. Blackboard became a staple in my graduate counseling courses. Our students were mandated to interact with virtual chats and bulletin boards. These new technologies seemed to help our students connect with one another and have additional resources to assist them in the learning process.

Once Bradley became an Internet 2(I2) institution, I applied and received an I2 grant from Bradley University to create multicasting opportunities for our graduate counseling students. Here is how the process has developed. First I looked up universities in the United States that had an I2 connection, held the CACREP counseling accreditation and looked similar to our counseling program.

Seventy-seven letters were sent out during the fall of 2003. I had a thirty percent return rate. From those interested institutions I chose demographically different institutions to participate in four sessions during the spring semester of 2004. I telephoned representatives from each institution and requested that a video conferencing room be scheduled on the other end. A follow-up letter was mailed with more detailed information. Arrangements for the following dates and times have been secured with Bradley University's Informational Technology (IT) staff.

During my January Interim class, students selected topics to discuss with students throughout the United States. The agenda for each session was developed and mailed to each institution. These sessions were held during our regular class time, and I think students have been very excited to learn interactively with other graduate students in the United States. The following dates were scheduled for this semester.

February 17, 2004 at 6:00-7:30 pm (GCC) Bradley University was the central site connecting with the University of North Texas, the University of South Carolina, and California State University at Northridge.

March 2, 2004 at 6:00-7:30 pm (GCC)

Bradley University connected with South Dakota State University; The College of William and Mary; and the University of Cincinnati.

March 23, 2004 at 6:00-7:30 pm (GCC) Bradley University connected with Portland State University, Kent State University, and the University of South Dakota.

April 6, 2004 at 6:00-7:30 pm (GCC) Bradley University will be the central site and connect with Wayne State University, Old Dominion, and the University of Florida.

The Bradley University IT staff contacted the IT staff at each institution before each session to ensure the connections were working. Listed below are the names of the institutions and their corresponding representatives.

Session 1

Bradley University- Peoria, IL	Dr. Lori Russell-Chapin
University of North Texas- Denton, TX	Dr. Michael Altekruze
University of South Carolina-Columbia, SC	Dr. Joshua Gold
California State University-Northridge, CA	Dr. Rie Rogers Mitchell

Session 2

Bradley University-Peoria, IL	Dr. Lori Russell-Chapin
South Dakota State University- Brookings, SD	Dr. Chris Briddick
The College of William and Mary-Williamsburg, VA	Dr. Rick Gressard
University of Cincinnati- Cincinnati, OH	Dr. Geoffrey Yager

Session 3

Bradley University-Peoria, IL
Portland State University- Portland, OR
Kent State University- Kent, OH
University of South Dakota

Dr. Lori Russell-Chapin
Dr. Dave Capuzzi
Dr. Marty Jencius
Dr. Chris Karper

Session 4

Bradley University- Peoria, IL
Wayne State University- Detroit, MI
Old Dominion- Norfolk, VA
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Dr. Lori Russell-Chapin
Dr. Daisy Ellington
Dr. Alan Schwitzer
Dr. Peter Sherrard

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