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NOETC Becomes CEP Founding Member

The Louisiana Board of Regents' Information and Learning Technology has invited NOETC along with others to become the core, founding members of the Council of E-learning Practitioners (CEP).

The CEP will be a crucial decision-making tool for postsecondary education e-learning in Lou-

isiana. "Our hard work, dedication, and expertise have brought us to the point that we can step up to the next level," says Associate Commissioner for ELearning, Mike Abbiatti.

The CEP will bring recommendations to the Electronic Learning Committee (ELC) for approval, and Board of Regents authorization.

Special Points of Interest

- ⇒ Polycom Demonstration, Sept. 30, BR
- ⇒ AACRAO Conference, Oct. 3—5, Newport, CA
- ⇒ NCCET Conference, Oct. 16—19, Portland
- ⇒ UNO TRAC Foundation, Oct. 17
- ⇒ Educause Conference, Oct. 19-22, Denver
- ⇒ AECT Convention, Oct. 20-24, Chicago
- ⇒ CCUMC Conference, Oct. 28-Nov. 1, Cincinnati
- ⇒ ACHE Conference, Oct. 30-Nov. 2, Newport, RI

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Did you know...

that Nunez Community College's NOETC Executive Committee Member is Academic Affairs Vice Chancellor Brian Keating?

What is ITFS? It's EBS!

Second of a two part series

NOETC is a member of the National ITFS Association and holder of ITFS licenses. Research from NIA was used within this article.

Since the 1998 approval of digital compression in ITFS, many significant changes have occurred. Commercial entities have all but abandoned the wireless entertainment concept; attempts by the cellular phone industry to obtain portions of the ITFS frequencies were denied by the FCC; and, most importantly, in June of 2004, the FCC decided that the educational eligibility requirements for ITFS will remain in place. Commercial entities may lease ITFS spectrum, but they cannot buy it or out-bid educators for it at auction.

During the same June meeting, the FCC also

adopted the new technical rules which should make it possible for educators and their commercial partners to roll out advanced two-way services, such as wireless broadband. These last two items, coupled with an FCC ruling which will require any transition in technology to be absorbed by the licensor, at no cost to the ITFS licensee, offers the opportunity to revitalize the ITFS efforts among the educational community.

Finally, in the Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making (FCC 04-135), the Commission renamed the ITFS service as the Educational Broadband Service (EBS). The renaming was deemed appropriate by the Commission due to the widening of the spectrum to allow the transmission of broadband services.

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A Non-Profit Organization Making Educational Oppor-

NOETC members involved in CCUMC by Derek Toten, Tulane University

CCUMC, the Consortium of College and University Media Centers, is an international organization focused on instructional technology in higher education. Members include traditional audiovisual department managers, media collection managers, instructional designers, instructional technologists, and others. The organization is dedicated to providing dynamic leadership in the field and an active forum to the innovators and providers of media and technology support throughout higher education. The more than 600 members of CCUMC represent all sizes of institutions of higher education, as well as companies providing related products and services. Founded in 1971 as the Consortium of University Film Centers (CUFC), the organization became the Consortium

of College and University Media Centers in 1988.

In addition to its many benefits and activities throughout the year, CCUMC sponsors an annual conference for its membership. During the four day meeting instructional technology and media support specialists gather to learn from industry experts and each other. Past topic areas have included application of educational technology to the classroom, multimedia instructional development, facilities design, digital asset management, and issues of organizational administration. This year's conference will be held October 28 to November 1 in Cincinnati, and will be jointly hosted by the University of Cincinnati, Miami University, and Cincinnati State Technical and Community College. You can visit CCUMC on-line at www.ccumc.org <<http://www.ccumc.org>>. The CCUMC 2004 conference web page can be found at <http://faculty.cincinnati.state.edu/ccumc04/>.