INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this session is to conduct an open, roundtable-type, town-hall meeting on distance e-learning. The presenters or moderators will introduce a number of distance e-learning issues and then will invite the audience to respond to those same issues. Sample issues are teacher training and certification, the efficaciousness of distance e-learning, current controversies (the 12-hour and the 50% rules, for example), and future trends. It is hoped that the open forum, information-sharing format will lead to the identification of problems, problem solutions and new perceptions.

PROGRAM

Introduction to the Session: Donald B. Egolf

E-Teacher Issues: Introduced and Discussion Moderated by Ellen Cohn

- The E-Teacher’s Mission
- Training the E-Teacher
- Funding E-Teacher Training
- Certifying the E-Teacher

The Efficaciousness of E-Learning (Does it Work?): Introduced and Discussion Moderated by Ellen R. Cohn

- The e-group versus the traditional group
- Evaluation Criteria
- Are the Old Learning Models Applicable?
- Testing
- Quality Assurance

Current Controversies: Introduced and Discussion Moderated by Donald B. Egolf

- The 12 hour rule
• The 50% rule
• Copyright law
• E-learning versus distance learning
• Richness versus reach
• The digital divide
• Accreditation
• For-profit versus non-profit schools
• Oversold and underused

Future Trends: Introduced and Discussion Moderated by Donald B. Egolf

• The end of the school as we know it
• Creating your own university
• The franchised professor
• The uber-university