

Telecommunications/Media Services

2005-2006 Strategic Goals

Upgrade KTS Distance Learning Systems from the Current Microwave & ITFS Transmission Systems to Digital-Based Transmissions.

This strategic goal is in progress. Since its innovative and pioneering start in 1980 Kirkwood's distance learning system has had over 100,000 student registrations from the seven counties that Kirkwood serves. It is now time to take that refined and leading approach from the analog domain to the digital era. We will be migrating over to a system riding on DS3 lines which will provide ample bandwidth to support current needs and sustain future growth. With this product we will gain flexibility, standardization and consistency among each of the classrooms used for distance learning. The project is scheduled for completion in two phases the current 11 ITFS one way audio and video rooms during Spring Break 07'. The remaining 10 Telelink two way audio and video rooms will be completed following the conclusion of Spring Semester.

Implement A Video Server (File Server) For KTS Cable-TV Programming.

This strategic goal has been completed. The Kirkwood Channel previously broadcast all of its programming to various cable outlets using industrial grade SVHS VCR's. Due to videotape playback, programming was limited to the number of tape decks. With the new digital video server in place high gains in efficiency of the operation, greater quality and more flexible in programming options have been the result.

Provide enhanced AV Support for Off-Campus Locations and For All Locations during Evenings and Weekends.

This strategic goal is in progress. We are evaluating a blended approach by improving the end user's ability to be self sufficient through training and evaluating schedules and personnel required to achieve this goal. With current staffing levels and end user proficiency with self service this goal is not achievable.

Develop A Training Program For Faculty To Produce Their Own Video And Photo Content.

This goal was put on hold in favor of the other higher priority goals mentioned.