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# Kansas Universities Connect Through Kan-ed Video Network

Wichita State University (WSU) uses videoconferencing capabilities provided by the Kan-ed 2.0 network to connect to other universities and state institutions for Interactive Distance Learning (IDL) and other meetings.

Chad Sloan, Interactive Technology Coordinator within the Media Resources Center at WSU, noted that their three videoconferencing rooms are used for a variety of functions. For example, WSU uses video in its partnership with a Kansas State University group called TelNet, through which WSU receives classes like marketing, grant-writing, and qualitative research. About eight local county clerks also benefit from this partnership through the offering of a register of deeds course via video at WSU.

Sloan also adds that videoconferencing at WSU is used for meetings with Kansas State University and the University of Kansas about National Science Foundation (NSF) Epscor grant projects. He further noted, "My experience has been very positive as far as connection quality."

Jason Holmes, who works in WSU's University Computing and Telecommunications Services managing server, storage, and database teams, described using the Kan-ed network to connect with Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) for various Regents Council meetings, stating that connecting to a meeting over video instead of driving to Topeka "saves about five hours of our day. It saves a lot of driving time, and the picture quality is good, and the audio is pretty good." He mentioned that Pittsburg State University and Fort Hays State University also connect to these meetings over video. "It's certainly a convenience."



Sloan also praised the services provided by Kan-ed's Network Operations Center (NOC), which provides technical support for the Kan-ed network, saying, "They're easy to get a hold of, and I usually get a very quick response. Then, if there is an issue, they are usually right on it." Sloan went on to add, "I would just say that they've been very helpful, they're very easy to work with, and there have been a few times where we've had issues at the last minute on a direct call and they've very quickly gotten the two sites connected and saved the meeting."

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