INDEPENDENT STUDY TITLE: THE USE OF INTERNET INFORMATION FOR

TEACHING OF LECTURERS IN THE FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

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ABSTRACT

This research studied the use of Internet information of lecturers in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Khon Kaen University. The methodology was based on the survey research. The objectives of this research were as follows; 1) to study the use of Internet information of the faculty members of Humanities and Social Sciences, Khon Kaen University regarding the use purpose of usage, teaching methods and process, the Internet tools and the types of Internet information, and 2) to investigate the problems and the suggestions from the use of Internet information for teaching of lecturers. The sample consisted of 34 lecturers who use the Internet information for teaching in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Khon Kaen University. All questionnaires were returned. The data analysis was by means of SPSS for Windows for percentage, means and standard deviation.

Based on this research, it found that most of the lecturers were female rather than male. They were at the age between 41-50 years old, and predominant lecturers were graduates. The result revealed that the lecturers from the Department of Social Development used Internet information for teaching more than the others (57.1%). Apart from this most lecturers had 1-5 years experience with computers and about 1-2 years with Internet and use of Internet information

for teaching. They got the experience on using the computer and the Internet from asking others; and learned the methodology of using Internet information for teaching from owner applying usage.

The main purpose of using Internet information for teaching was to enhance knowledge professional and teaching course. The instruction for the most part is by means of lecture. They used Internet information for teaching preparation. The main tool of the Internet and the type of Internet information used were Electronic mail. The lecturers accessed Internet at the Computer Center, Khon Kaen University.

The problems of using Internet information of lecturers were as follows; hardware and networks communication problems were at high level, the information from the Internet was at the moderate level. Most of lecturers suggested that the administration should acquire computers and expand the workstations to the Departments in order to enhance the use of Internet for teaching.

The recommendations from this research for the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences were to provide more hardware and more frequent training on retrieval of Internet information for the lecturers. The recommendations for the next study should be to study the use of Internet information for teaching of lecturers once more when all of Departments have enough of computers.