

**681—9.5 (262) Telecommunications policies and procedures.**

**9.5(1)** *General or administrative.* The institutions governed by the regents view the statewide telecommunications network as one way to expand the ability of the universities to provide instruction and other information affecting professional and economic development throughout Iowa. The regents institutions utilize the Iowa communications network when appropriate for activities that include credit and noncredit courses, outreach programming, administrative meetings, professional development seminars and teleconferences.

**9.5(2)** *Designated coordinating agency.* As a means of facilitating efficient and effective utilization of the statewide telecommunications network by university faculty and staff, the universities have appointed Information Technology Services (ITS) as the principal agency on each campus responsible for arranging access to the system. ITS will assume an advisory role to interested users as well as represent a campus information source on statewide telecommunications issues. Additional responsibilities for ITS relating to the statewide telecommunications network include establishing a liaison with the network's management, coordinating campus financial transactions, and engaging campus entities to support the technical components required for collaborative efforts among the institutions governed by the board of regents.

**9.5(3)** *Credit, noncredit course offerings.* The regents institutions will facilitate use of the statewide telecommunications network wherever appropriate and cost-effective. The universities support a wide range of offerings, including credit and noncredit courses, professional development seminars, conferences and workshops. The originating college and department will retain exclusive jurisdiction over decisions pertaining to the instructional development process, including the choice of subject matter content, faculty, credit, student/participant requirements, and course or conference revision or withdrawal.

**9.5(4)** *Statewide coordination.* The regents institutions encourage collaborative efforts among the institutions governed by the board of regents involving the statewide telecommunications network.