

## From the Editor

### Dear readers of int.WOJDE

Welcome to the eight issue of the Women Online Journal of Distance Education, intWOJDE as being Volume: 3 Number: 1, for the year of 2014. In this issue 2 articles are published, by 6 authors from 3 different countries as being Malaysia and USA.

Our first article, entitled as "Female Administrators Perceptions Of Distance Learning", written by Marie-ANNE MUNDY, Lori KUPCZYNSKI, Rebecca DAVIS from Texas A&M University-Kingsville, USA and Marydee A. SPILLETT from Walden University, USA. They indicated in their article that Gender disparity is evident in tenure track and tenured faculty positions at universities.

However, distance education may provide more supportive environments for female academicians to grow and develop. The term distance learning is used to encompass any type of instruction delivered off campus. Distance learning has increased dramatically and has gained strategic importance possibly presenting women with a new realm for advancement. Leaders in distance learning must have qualities such as good listening skills, be understanding, engage in collaboration, be cooperative, demonstrate openness, have interpersonal sensitivity and empathy; attributes traditionally associated with females.

This qualitative study utilizing a survey design, asked 21 participants, female administrators in distance education: "What are your perceptions of the role of distance learning in education today?"

They perceived the role of distance learning in education today to be of utmost import and discussed the needs of learners, the access of distance learning, value of distance learning, federal and state requirements, the future of distance learning, the significant impact on Higher Education and the improvement needed.

The second article is from Malaysia and Brunei, on "Understanding The Negative Effects Of Social-Networking Facebook On Women", written by Mohd Aliff MOHD NAWI, Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Institute of Education, Universiti Brunei Darussalam, from, Brunei and Chua CHY REN Faculty of Economics and Management, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

They mention in their article that phenomenon of a rapidly growing social networking site, Facebook has started to give a massive impact on the users. The aim of this study is to examine the influence of Facebook for users, especially to the women. This study will apply qualitative methods, through literature review and document analysis of past studies.

The results showed that Facebook gives more negative impact, and if it is not properly controlled, it will be exploited for other dreadful purposes. At the end of this paper, some suggestions are included for a better use the social-networking site.

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Hope to stay in touch and wishing to meet in our next Issue on 1st of April 2014.



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