

Surveying the use of ICT in Higher Education in the USA

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During 2003 a research project was started to study the use of ICT in Higher (Tertiary) Education (Potgieter & Herselman, 2003). The paper was also presented at the annual conference on ICT of the League Convention of Community Colleges in the USA (Potgieter, 2004). At the same conference the preliminary studies of a survey of Higher Education institutions the USA were presented (the full report was published a few months later (Green, 2003)). This report caused major rethink of the project I was involved in because it contained quantitative results about the patterns of use of ICT in the institutions across the country. Following below are some examples of the information that is available from the report. It became clear that if this type of information is available before the qualitative study for “best practices” is undertaken, then the *approach* for the study of cases of “best prac-

tices” will be quite different, probably much more efficient. Our project is therefore currently under review (also because the funding arrangements changed in South Africa).

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