Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Attending: David Walker, Tom, Lucy L, Raja, Alan B, Dedra C, Laura P, Thilina

Regrets: Judith

Agenda:

1. Bake ideas/material in the Fed2 Report draft:
   a. Revise Engagement Objectives in Advocacy, Engagement, and Governance section as needed
   b. Overview of “R&E Federation” in the Introduction

2. AOB

The WG first considered the Engagement Objectives. There was discussion around having appropriate agreements that (1) lay out roles and responsibilities of participation in the Global Federation by individual R&E federations, and (2) ensure that those wishing to engage with the Global Federation do not need to transact with multiple individual R&E federations separately. This also reinforces one of the emergent strategic themes, that individual R&E federations should see themselves first of all as part of the Global Federation. The WG also added an engagement objective to do with sustaining sufficient skilled people.

The WG spent the last 15 minutes reviewing the Introduction’s sketch of what we’ve been calling R&E Federation and related terms used consistently throughout the report. There was concern over the lexicographic overlap between “R&E Federation” and “individual R&E federations”, and a desire to somehow insert Global in there. The WG didn’t settle on a resolution, but for now Judith & Tom will try using “the Global Federation” in lieu of “R&E Federation” throughout the draft report (and these notes henceforth). And although R&E is at its heart (cf. the Purpose section), some individual R&E federations already admit members not having a relationship with R&E to serve various purposes, a practice the report will encourage more of to help Sustainability. It was also noted that this may make having the sort of agreements mentioned above more complicated if the assumption that entities obliged to observe them need not share in a common mission.