Federation 2.0 Working Group Meeting Notes

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## Tasks

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## Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Attending: David W, Laura P, Judith B, Raja V, Lucy L, Tom B, Dedra C, Alan B, Craig L

Regrets:

Agenda:

1. Reflect on Dedra's work at organizing the Summary of the Stones (Messages) into a flow
2. Reflect on Alan's work at somehow aligning Messages, or perhaps Dedra's flow, with the Scenarios
3. Reflect on David's work on identifying Messages that are actionable and those that are opportunities
4. Next steps
5. AOB

Dedra and David led WG members in discussion of their work. Dedra's email about that is further below. Some elements of the WG's discussion are noted below, others are in comments in the draft Fed2 report.

WG members really liked Dedra's themes and saw them giving form to the report's recommendations. Perhaps something about sustainability/resource sharing should be added to them, or reflected within one of them, eg, "Keep focus on Modernization and Expansion".

WG members also liked David's Actions associated with each element in the Summary of the Stones and saw these as giving form to a section in the report on next steps towards implementing the recommendations.

The WG will consider reaching out to leaders from orgs that have already gained understanding of the landscape across nations, like eduGAIN, eduroam, and seamless access perhaps, as "early reviewers" of the draft report, with the aim to also understand how this report can be put into hands that are able to act on it in each nation.

For our next meeting in 2 weeks:

- Judith will review the Community Observations from the perspective of the 5 categories that Dedra has articulated.
- Laura will take a stab at presenting the Recommendations and Actions for next time.
- Alan will proceed with his task using Dedra's format and categories.
- Dedra will experiment with overall structure and flow of the draft Fed2 report.

## Text from Dedra's email

**Themes for Stones**
I went through all the stones again. In my mind, five main themes emerge:

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| Ensure and fund supported Global Governance | Provide and develop clear International Standards | Establish a Unified Voice and Clearly Articulated Value for Academic Interfederation | Regularly define a clear Roadmap and Priorities | Keep focus on Modernization and Expansion |

I put the stones into a table to show how I think they fall into these themes:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JqdydAO3dj1OunkDSzkAU6GU6mt2lFyD1vxREywrmqc/edit#gid=0

I think these themes could inform some of the recommendations for the report, especially as they overlap with other ways we gathered input, like the Scenario exercise.

**Scenarios and Stone Soup**
I reviewed our earlier work on the scenarios, and I think they overlap with the Stone Soup exercise by pointing out things that can happen if we fail at the five themes from the Stone Soup exercise:

- If we don't have good global governance and a clearly articulated value for academic interfederation, we won't be able to negotiate effectively with large institutions,

governments, and corporations. If those organizations don't see the value of academic interfederation, they will overwhelm it with new technologies and standards that don't take academic interfederation into account.
- If we don't define and develop clear standards, and demonstrate their value, no one will adopt them. Instead, governments and corporations will drive standards setting and adoption

The importance of pooling resources in the face of scarcity was clear in the Scenario exercise, but didn't come up as much in the Stone Soup directly. But I think the need for global governance was very present in the Stone Soup exercise, and pooling resources is much easier if there is supported global governance.

**Overall Organization of the Report**
There is a rough outline for the report now, and I'd recommend a slight adjustment. There is a section called "process" which hasn't been written yet. I see this section as describing the overall process for the group, which in my mind had 3 main phases: community observations (survey), scenarios, and the Stone Soup Exercise. I see section Headings for Community Observations and Scenarios, but not for the "Stone Soup" Exercise. I think it would make more sense to describe each part of the process, and main points that came out of it. Then the report can conclude with the sections listed in the outline: "Opportunities" and Recommendations".

The section now titled "Academic Interfederation" seemed like it was in the wrong place? Like maybe that is part of the Intro/background section, or part of the recommendations?