Federation 2.0 Working Group Meeting Notes

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Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Attending: Judith Bush, Lucy Lynch, Tom Barton, David Walker, Laura P, Alan B, Craig Lee, Dedra C

Regrets:

Agenda

1. Confirmation we are take-away/action complete
   a. Alan’s [review of the Scenarios](#) with linkage to Messages.
   b. David on [Community recommendations](#)
2. Review the new [draft Fed2 report](#) structure resulting from our work last time.
3. AOB

WG members reviewed Alan’s analysis of how the Stone Soup Messages relate to managing how Academic Interfederation can navigate future scenarios identified and developed during the F2F meeting back in June 2019 in Tallinn. Lucy captured it thusly: the center of this plane (formed by the two dimensions that define the four scenarios) is the special niche of Academic Interfederation - these dimensions pull us away. The Messages are levers that can be pulled to keep us centered.

David found that all suggested actions provided in survey responses are addressed in some manner by the Recommended Actions in the draft fed2 report, so that’s good. The WG digressed a bit about the User Intermediation (by Libraries) community suggested action, sort of reflecting the ambivalence of the suggested action - at least one survey respondent suggested that happen while another suggested the opposite. We decided that the larger point is about authorization, ie, that the next big step for Academic Interfederation beyond federated authentication is to enable federated authorization.
We had an editorial discussion at the conclusion of which Dedra and Laura decided they’d be able to complete editing of the Key Takeaways and Recommendations sections by next Monday. Judith said that on Wednesday she’d clean up the stricken text that’s cluttering the doc, after saving a named version in the doc history.

**NB: While writing these minutes I reviewed the draft Fed2 report to see what we say about authorization. Not much. Maybe we need to add that in - our next technical, policy, and organizational grand challenge is to make federation the de facto means for managing access across local, national, and global scales.**