Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Attending: Tom B, Judith (via reduced bandwidth), Dedra (second half), David, Lucy I, Craig L, Laura P, Richard F, Alan B

Regrets:

Agenda:
1. Review feedback from Consultation, using the consultation worksheet.
2. AOB

General comments on feedback:

- Perhaps the report does not let those in current positions within R&E fed governance see themselves in it, resulting in a less engaging response to it than may otherwise result.
- Should the report sketch the current state of affairs, partly as a way to address the previous bullet point, partly to provide a point of departure for some of the report’s perspectives, and partly to acknowledge assumptions that WG members may have brought into the formulation of the report?
  - Should this include data on current R&E fed funding levels collected by REFEDS?
- The report should recognize and express gratitude for all the work done so far, building a basis for continuing forward, etc.
- Consider explaining why we introduced “Academic Interfederation”
- Should the report suggest that scenario planning and stone soup methodology is a useful methodology, recommended for other orgs too.
Consultation responders do not include some key segments of the report’s intended readership.

More specific reactions:
- Mention the role of NRENs (more) as key enablers of the first steps, at least.
- So few respondents - why? Might it be at too high of a level compared to where many REFEDSiens’ interests lie.
- Some readers may believe that the current eduGAIN agreement is the best that can be done. Perhaps the report could benefit from assessing what current agreement lacks that is essential to achieve the report's recommendations.
- Other best in class implementations that should be called out and given credit?
- Evolutionary response is not enough; threats are too big for that.

We will shift to weekly meetings at the usual time slot to try to respond to consultation feedback quickly.