



Network Improvement Constituent Group Meeting Minutes

Session: Wednesday, October 2, 12:40 – 2:10 p.m. (21 participants)

Facilitator: **Robert Agnew**, Director, Information Technology
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Attendees: Dave Rotman, Cedarville University; Patrick Cronin, Bridgewater State; Mike Crowley, Mount Holyoke; Barry Smith, Baptist Bible College; Paul Morris, Drake University; Lewis Dreblow, Muskingum College; Matt Riley, University of Redlands; Anna Coleman, University of Redlands; Hamid Etesamnia, University of Redlands; Leigh Sterling, Maryville College; Tom Franklin, Tech Learn; Ron Parker, Brazosport College; Kelley Bradder, Sampson College; Marshall Northcott, Mills College; Bill Beil, Thiel College; Matthew Nocifore, Haverford College; Paul Chase, Becker College; Malik Dulaney, Paul Quinn College; Chris Wilson, Daemen College; Paul Morris, Drake University

1. Access to the Internet2 via the Sponsored Education Group Participants (SEGP) program was discussed. The SEGP allows smaller institutions to be connected to Abilene for a more reasonable fee (\$5,000 in Ohio) although it required a separate T1 for this traffic.
2. Other topics discussed included
 - a. Controlling Internet traffic – most institutions now use a packet shaper.
 - b. Using a packet shaper to control on campus network activity
 - c. Quilt Project
 - d. Net caching
 - e. Managing on-campus networks and appropriate software
 - f. Being proactive with network problems
 - g. Increasing HelpDesk support through network software
 - h. DMCA – Digital Millennium Copyright Act
 - i. Playstations being connected in the residence halls
 - j. Wireless
 - k. Network security
 - l. IPv6
3. The group felt that these issues are very important to small colleges and interest is expected to grow. They advised that EDUCAUSE continue the constituent group and encouraged participation through the CIO and Net Improvement list serves.

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