



Small Colleges Constituent Group Meeting Minutes

Sessions: Thursday, October 3, 12:45 – 2:05 p.m. (71 participants)

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The Small College Constituent Group met with over 70 in attendance. The group spent considerable time coming up with a list of topics to be discussed. This list included:

- Saving money and revenues
- ERPs
- IT Org structure for small colleges
- Staffing Issues
 - supporting everything
 - size
 - retention
- Adaptive technologies
- ResNet nightmares
- Telecomm revenues (or lack of)
- Web accessibility
- Wireless/mobile computing
- Distance learning
- Network security and information security (health, etc.)
- IP and copyright
- Curriculum development (collaborative/dynamic)
- Faculty development (staffing and training)
- Inter-campus collaboration
- Vendor relations
- Internet 2
- Bandwidth
- Weblogs
- Instant Messaging
- Equipment leasing

We then spent time seeing how many IT staff members were at each at the attendees institution. The results were:

<u>Staff Size</u>	<u>Number of Institutions</u>
< 5	6
5-10	17
11-15	17
16-20	4
21-25	3
26-30	3
> 30	4

The group then discussed a number of the issues listed above. One of the topics of discussion was the continuation of the SMALLCOL constituent group and discussion list. The question was raised to see if there was value in the list, as many of the topics of interest are covered by other lists. A large number of attendees were already members of the CIO list, and some were not aware of other lists (a brief discussion was held explaining what some of the other EDUCAUSE lists were and how to join them). There was consensus to keep the list, and that even though traffic is small, when they need to reach similar sized schools, it is the only way to go.

Greg Monaco from NSF was present to discuss how the NSF could encourage small schools to joins Internet 2. He mentioned that there was start-up funding available for regional consortia of smaller schools to join, and then asked interested people to contact him directly (gmonaco@nsf.gov).

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