

EDUCAUSE '99 Web Administrators Constituent Group meeting

Thirty people representing 25 universities, attended the first web administrators constituent group meeting at the recent EDUCAUSE conference in Long Beach, CA. Of those attending the session, nearly all represented the computing area of their institutions. A couple of people were in academic areas, and at least two were in teaching/learning centers.

The group was interested in having EDUCAUSE or a university host a bulletin-board type communication vehicle for us to converse on a regular basis. Until and unless this type of format is created, several participants indicated they'd sign up for the EDUCAUSE listserv. All were interested in meeting again -- perhaps having two meetings at the next EDUCASE conference.

At our meeting, participants penned questions and issues in which they were interested, and we tried to address several of those issues in this large-group format.

Many people were interested in finding out who determined and/or approved content and design of the institution's main pages. In most cases, it appeared to be some type of committee.

Other issues included:

Consistency -- who decides whether there will be consistency and to what level? And how do you ensure consistency?

Policy -- not all institutions had developed web policies.

Web publishing tools -- are specific software programs were supported by the institution's computing area.

Timely Updating -- participants were interested in what techniques others were using to try to have various departments keep their sites updated.

Staffing -- Approximately half of the people indicated their institutions had one full-time position dedicated to web work.

Student services on the Net -- Approximately 1/3 to 1/2 of the people indicated their institutions were doing online registration.

The group indicated a willingness to participate in a survey of these and other web issues. Donna Hamilton agreed to conduct the survey if the participants sent their questions via email. So far, no one has sent email.

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