



## edACCESS Constituent Group Meeting Minutes

**Session(S):** Thursday, November 6, 4:55 – 6:10 p.m (10 participants)

**Facilitator(S):** **John Bruggeman**, Director of Information Systems  
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Attendance was light (as expected due to several other CG meetings running simultaneously). We did however have three new members attend, Marc Hoffman from Shimer College in Illinois (<http://www.shimer.edu>), Laura Yavitz from Claremont School of Theology (<http://www.cst.edu>) and Bill Nelson from Tokyo International University (<http://www.tiua.edu/>).

We briefly introduced ourselves and covered the basics of school size and staff size. Marc almost won the smallest school award with 120 FTE, but Bill had him beat with only 72 FTE, Claremont came in right after with 200 FTE. Deb Turner from Bluffton College (soon to be University - <http://www.bluffton.edu>) has about 1000 FTE. HUC-JIR (<http://huc.edu>) has about 500 students spread out over our four campuses.

The common theme of what student information system was touched on, with Marc indicating that they chose a system from Blue Ivy software. Shimer recently won a large grant to cover the cost of installing the new system as well as upgrading the library and hiring a librarian. Laura was looking to get something new, they currently use F/X scholar and are looking for both funding options and software options. Bill Nelson is able to tap into the main system in Japan for his SIS needs. Deb indicated that Bluffton is still evaluating systems; they currently run the Jenzabar Teams Elite system on an AS400. HUC-JIR is still in the need analysis stage, and we hope to have a system in place by the fall of 2004, or Spring of 2005.

I encouraged all three new members to attend the Summer edAccess meeting as it is a great place to network with similar smaller schools with limited budgets and large demands.

Also worth mentioning is the variety of resources on the EDUCAUSE Web site for both our group and individual schools.

Some areas to check out are:

<http://www.educause.edu/cg/access>

Our ACCESS CG area, including searchable archives of our discussion group.

<http://www.educause.edu/cg/security.asp>

The Security CG, a nice list for posting security type questions.

<http://www.educause.edu/cg/>

The general Constituent Group area

<http://www.educause.edu/issues/index.asp?page=activities>

The Current Issues section of the EDUCAUSE Web site. This area has a list of the hot topics in higher education, a very nice resource.

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