

CE-PAG Notes - Public
Wednesday - 1/26/2022

Agenda

- **Brief Updates**
 - Congratulations to Dr. Saira Hasnain on receiving her Ph.D.!
 - Review of last meeting's notes
 - Stakeholder Alignment Survey
 - We appreciate your feedback on the draft survey (was sent to all PAGs). Feedback was incorporated into the final version. Hoping to send out on Monday, February 7th, 2022. Please share it broadly with your community - hoping to get input from all levels and areas of the institution. No authentication will be required to complete the survey.
- **Discussion Items:**
 - Spring engagement events
 - Goals and Objectives
 - Create a mix of virtual and in person/hybrid engagements beginning in the spring of 2022 to create an ongoing strategic dialogue
 - Inform stakeholders of the critical work Internet2 – together with the community – has been working on over the last two years
 - Create opportunities to listen to stakeholder needs
 - Enable stakeholders to learn from peers and make connections
 - 2022 Virtual and In-Person Spring Leadership Events
 - April 11, 2022 (virtual only) - presentations, discussions, social networking time. Provide key I2 updates and seeding deeper strategic conversations for May event and beyond
 - May 23 - 25, 2022 (in-person with virtual option) - keynote presentation, strategic conversations, community-led discussions, social networking time. Focus on discussions from April kickoff event; will utilize a community advisory committee to help inform topics
 - Discussion / Feedback:
 - April 11th date
 - Narrow window to come up with the theme, topics, content and to advertise; need to move things along quickly
 - Multiple significant scheduling conflicts the week of April 11th

- That's very close to commencement (May dates)
- Q: I2 is attempting to respond to the community's desire to meet face to face. That being said, do you think we are rushing an in-person meeting?
 - A lot of the world is ready for in person events, but timing is everything. This first year "back" in person you'll get mixed results no matter what. It'll be a very individualized decision because of personal health concerns. But if you want to go back to a level of normality, you have to start somewhere
 - There has to be a first one. The second event will likely get even better attendance and be a little easier, and so on
- As you think about themes, keep in mind the contemporary issues that universities are dealing with - like the Great Resignation and inclusivity in the R&E Community
- Updated Cloud Learning & Skills Sessions (CLASS) Plan
 - *[see CLASS PDF emailed 1/25/22 for more detail]*
 - Goals: Provides research computing and data professionals (those who support researchers) the necessary training to effectively leverage cloud platforms for research workflows. Vendor neutral.
 - 2021 CLASS community facts: 3 cohorts, 47 institutions, 83 participants
 - Current Advanced CLASS Program Consist of kickoff + 4 parts
 - Feedback from participants
 - Goals of Revised CLASS Program
 - Proposed Core Activities and Outcomes
 - Activities: Community of Practice
 - Serving Foundational to Advanced Learning Needs
 - Guide on Components, Total Time, and Market Value
 - Discussion / Feedback:
 - I love that the core is a free resource. Is that available only to I2 members?
 - The fact that pieces are free will draw in a CIO, and offering a clear scaffolding of cost structures will be helpful
 - Q: Do you think these are investments that you or other CIO colleagues would make? Do we need to dial it down and think about external funding (NSF)?

- None of these prices scare me. Funding all things non-students is frightening in general to higher education. If this is a priority for an institution, it should get wrapped up in a larger incentive. Needs to be a “push model” on campus
- Prices are reasonable. Challenge is how do we communicate with researchers. Current curricular components could change over time
- Great idea to ask NSF or NIH for additional funding, even if it’s not a sustainable source
- In order to sustain and grow the program, Internet2 needs to identify ways to recover costs
- Q: Would researchers be going to CIOs to ask for funding, or someone else? How do we dial in the cost so that it’s not a barrier to participation, but so that we can continue funding the program?
 - At our institution, all roads lead to the CIO. If it’s just the PI involved, they are less likely to pay for something like this
 - We have folks who need this, but they think they know everything already and won’t pay for it. If we could figure out how to split it with the Provost, it might be less of a concern. Maybe we need to learn how we can partner with Internet2 to articulate why this is money well spent
 - Probably have more success selling on campus if it was lumped together with a larger initiative
- Trying to meet research support personnel wherever they are in their journey to using the cloud
 - The tiered structure makes sense, sometimes more advanced people don’t want to be mixed in with intermediate level folks
- Please email Dana Brunson with any additional feedback or questions
- PAG recruitment of new CE PAG members
 - Review of self-nominated and nominated individuals
 - Would like to see a larger pool. Have some from Higher Ed, Affiliate and R&E Network. Mix of males and females. Large and mid-size universities
 - How many people are we looking to attract?

- At least 2 to replace the members that are rolling off. Not against growing the group a bit, but no more than 5 new members
 - Interested in more divergent viewpoints
 - Deadline to community - gave CIOs a deadline of end of January
 - Feedback
 - People might not know that they've been nominated, so we need to reach out and let them know to gauge interest. That alone might shorten the list
 - I certainly want to hear from Mid/Privatees
 - Would like to come to a decision at February or March meeting
- **Closing**
 - Well done I2 with keeping these meetings to 60 minutes this year
 - Next meeting: Wednesday, February 23, 2022