Conference Call Minutes 2011-12-08

Agenda for next call
Roll-Call
Agenda Bash
SOA Working Group Progress Report
  See the wiki URL: https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/display/itana/SOA+Working+Group
  Meeting once a month on 2nd or 3rd Wednesday each month
  Want to line up a series of institutions who rolling out SOA infrastructure
  Will be inviting in a guest - who will discuss there initiatives.
  Deliverables: working documents, a more formal publications, survey of projects with a brief write-up of each: governance, services, technology, business process aspects, what was an impendence or road-blocks that slowed you down
  SOA Vertical Standards: Is it up to this group to provide opinions and suggestions? We should know what they are, we should know how they are used by institution and what domain they apply to. https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/display/itana/SOA+Vertical+Standards
   Why didn't you align with a standard that you wanted to align with.
   Standards owners: History, stability, instances of use, intended use
   Institution's use of standards: How are you using it, how did you need to transform it, where didn't it work and why
Rebranding of ITANA
  Approval of the new Charter (see text below or the link http://itana.org/charter-v2-0/)
   What is special about architecture in higher education? Because our domain is higher education. The problems and practice are similar but it gets reflected into our domain differently.
   The problems are similar but there is less cohesiveness when you are trying to get buy-in. The direction and some of the goals are special to higher education.
   The inclusiveness of the student body and the faculty is higher in education.
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  New Wiki Layout (see the wiki page: https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/display/itana/Home+version2)
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  Going forward

Leo Fernig (UBC): https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/display/itana/SOA+Working+Group
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Leo Fernig (UBC): https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/display/itana/SOA+Technologies
James Phelps: http://itana.org/charter-v2-0/

ITANA Call 8-December-2011

Attending
Jim Phelps, University of Wisconsin-Madison (chair)
Andrew Gallo, George Washington U.
Dave Donoho, George Washington U.
Kasia Azzara, Columbia U.
Piet Niederhausen, Georgetown
Scott Fullerton, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Chris Eagle, U. Michigan
Leo Fernig, U. British Columbia
Jens Haeusser , U. British Columbia
Christian Johansen, Penn State
Vinay?, Weill Cornell Medical College
Steve Olshansky, Internet2 (scribe)

New Action Items
AI (Jim, Kasia, and anyone interested) will draft a statement about what is different about EA in higher-ed.
AI (All) interested in helping with the rebranding effort, contact Jim

Carryover Action Items
AI (Marina) will identify UC system people to present on their SOA initiative on a future ITANA call.
AI (All) interested in participating in the rebranding effort - contact Jim off-list.
AI (All who attended F2F) add your notes to the wiki
AI (Jim Leous) send out the Penn State ARB review documents

Discussion

- SOA Working Group Progress Reporthttps://spaces.at.internet2.edu/display/itana/SOA+Working+Group
  "2012 environmental scan of SOA in higher education"

This group is still forming, and intends to hold monthly calls (schedule TBD, perhaps on regular ITANA calls sometimes), featuring guests describing efforts under way at various campuses.

Planned deliverables include working documents, more formal publications, survey of projects with a brief write-up of each: governance, services, technology, business process aspects, what was an impendence or road-blocks that slowed you down...

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There were no objections to the new charter voiced on the call, and it was thus approved as is.

It was noted that there are no other (canonical or otherwise) groups focused on EA in higher ed, although there are some focusing on public sector/gov't, and others on teaching EA in business school settings.

Q: What is special about higher ed? Why should EA in this environment be different than in IT generally? Does this belong in the charter?
A: Research focii, distributed environment (less cohesiveness when seeking stakeholder buy-in), lack of profit motivation, and the culture of the higher-ed community stand out, but generally there are more similarities than differences across verticals.

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It was observed that in higher ed, the boundaries can be hard to discern.

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