2019–09–27 – F2F meeting (ESUP–Apereo collaboration)

Location: Salle A28 – Université Paris Descartes
Duration: from 9:00AM to 4PM

Attending:
• Anne–Marie Scott
• Alain Mayeur
• Ian Dolphin
• Mathilde Guerin

> Agenda:

1. Minute taking (for publication as per MoU in French and English)
2. ESUP–Portail status update
3. Apereo general status update
4. Apereo projects / Collaboration
   1. OAE
   2. Shuhari and other LA
   3. Karuta
   4. uPortal
   5. Opencast
   6. CAS – including proposed CAS supporting subscription
5. MoU (update/renewal) Googledoc of current
   at https://docs.google.com/document/d/15s7omdV1g7qDA5fJA6gNAYXS7tldtPBi4XFgLJdqkX8/edit#heading=h.ske0ahw70gj
   1.NB MoU "Practical Actions" items 1 through 7 are standing items.
6. ESUP–Days #29 / Apereo Paris 2020

> Meeting minutes

[9:20 -- Starting]

1. **Introduction**
    a. Keep 2 meetings in a year + two calls

2. **Minute taking (for publication as per MoU in French and English)**
    a. Collaborative, via OAE

3. **ESUP-Portail status update**
    a. New members even though universities are merging => ~76 members
    b. Need to have new dynamic for the Consortium
        i. Retain leadership with technology
    c. How to use IT in Higher Ed in the next 5 years?
    d. Organization of the Consortium
        i. Coordination
            1. Board
                a. 4 f2f meetings per year
            2. Technical coordination team
        ii. A 3-day seminar per year with the whole crew (board + tech. coord. team)
        iii. Working groups
        iv. 1 Annual assembly per year (at the beginning of April)
            1. Budget
            2. Activity report
            3. Projects
        v. Convention with the Ministry
            1. Strategic discussion
            2. Funds
    e. 20 Conventions are in place with universities to pay them for contributing to projects
    f. Discussion with partners such as...
        i. AMUE/Cocktail (information system for administration)
        ii. Renater
        iii. ... and more recently PC-Scol
            1. Significantly large scope
            2. Upcoming convention between ESUP & PC-Scol
                a. How to adapt ESUP solutions to be able to integrate them with PC-Scol?
                b. How to adapt Pegase (the PC-Scol solution) to be able to work with ESUP solutions?
                c. Technical and strategical discussion
            3. Open source but precise path to be determined
                a. Emphasize: don't make any choices that would make it impossible for it to become fully "open" in the future
                b. Maybe opened to francophone countries first?

g. OER in France
    i. It has been a 15-year initiative to date
    ii. 8 organizations to produce and share resources
        1. Using normalized metadata description
        2. Difficult to use those resources in courses
            a. Teachers like to use their own stuff
    iii. Feedback from Alain when in Norway
        1. National platform used by about 80% of secondary ed institutions
h. For the next 5 years
    i. Remain a recognized and strong partner to PC-Scol
    ii. Redo old solutions
        1. PStage
        2. e-Candidat
    iii. Provide hosted/shared services to institutions from within ESUP-Portail
        1. 1st convention signed with Paris 1: SMS-U
        2. In 2-3 years: possible that a specific organization hosts those shared services
        3. *Similar idea to the OpenETC initiative in British Columbia, Canada (specific privacy laws in BC make in-country services easier to use)*
            a. *Provides shared services to BC post-secondary institutions: Wordpress, Mattermost, Sandstor m*
            b. *Economic model to be defined over time (for now, "clients" "pay" by contributing back to the community)*
    iv. Conversation underway in France about new generation of teaching and learning (and what it means for the LMS)
i. Alain retiring from UPHF at the beginning of January
    i. Lots of ongoing missions/roles in all kinds of organizations
    ii. At the Ministry: 20% of this time dedicated to this mission
    iii. About ESUP
        1. good dynamic that needs to remain.... and expand!
        2. New organization to be defined next week
            a. 3 people to "replace" Alain but only one President will be nominated
            b. Brigitte SOR (Institut National Polytechnique de Toulouse) who was at the beginning of ESUP will be the contact for the ESUP/Apereo liaison

4. **Apereo general status update**
    a. Impact of Sakai market share in North America
    b. Raise the profile of Apereo
        i. Encourage software communities to raise Apereo profile
        ii. Need to expand effective advocacy - particular focus of Board conversation
        iii. Tailor messages to particular constituencies
    c. Privacy, big data are issues that are growing in profile.
    d. (We need to be -explicitly- negative about commercial-proprietary "competitors" when necessary)

e. Grow the community
        i. Discuss relationship with Canadian entities operating
           around openness
       ii. Relationship with community in Japan under discussion
           and likely to be redeveloped
      iii. Slight increase in membership, but decline in membership
           revenue
    f. "Future of the LMS" conversations. Apereo should be a larger
       actor in this strategic conversation. There is a danger
       inherent in considering the "NGDLE" as simply another product
       category.
    g. Open Apereo
        i. Failed to break even in recent years. Community
           reporting increasingly difficult to secure travel
           funding
       ii. Next year: move the conference to a university (Uni of
           Michigan). Lower registration fees, greater range of
           accommodation options reduces cost
      iii. Remote participation planned. May be for-pay

5. Apereo Software Communities / Collaboration
    a. OAE
        i. Resolve day to day line management lack of clarity
            1. Ian will cover this temporarily
       ii. Lead paid through the Foundation from specific project
           funds
      iii. About the performance issues with OAE:
            1. Some issues can be explained by the firewall
               upgrade (that we haven't been warned beforehand)
               at the Lorraine University, some don't
            2. Memory leak? VMs not reliable enough?
            3. discussions about this will take place next week
               at the annual seminar
       iv. Request a report of UX/UI work work to assess status
    b. Shuhari and other LA
        i. Lorraine University
            1. LA platform in production
            2. Hired an engineer
            3. The most important LA project in France
            4. It's expected that we have a session at the next
               ESUP/Apereo event in February
       ii. Shuhari incubation is taking slightly longer than
           expected — large, complex solution especially suited to
           large deployments
      iii. LSAC conference on 22-23 October in Nancy
       iv. Connector between Shuhari and French information system
           will be open source
        v. Britain pilot (multi-tenant instance)
       vi. Will have to ask Univ Rennes' CIO an update next week

   vii. OnTask in France?
     1. Not at present but may be sensible to have a PoC
     2. Far smaller footprint than Shuhari = a stand-alone
      project
       a. only needs e-mail
       b. no deep integration necessary (= you can
        import CSV)
     3. Evidence in practice of about 1 or 2
      days effort to stand up an instance

c. Karuta
  i. Specific budget: 100k€ (for 2 years)
  ii. "Competency based approach"
  iii. Need to further develop the core of Karuta to make it
    more sustainable/maintainable/scalable => hired an
    engineer to rethink/develop
  iv. Will soon hire another engineer to help use Karuta in
    institutions, implement
  v. Steering committee – Jacques R, Olivier G, ESUP people,
    Thierry K etc.

d. uPortal
  i. UWM and uPortal home. Status is unclear – request.
  ii. MG: Unclear re the status of "uportal-home" initiative
    (UW has always been a massive committer to uPortal...
    except when they were 100% dedicated to their new UI)
  iii. Edinburgh UI using React

e. Opencast
  i. Opencast has part time release manager
  ii. Opencast community makes commitment to make
    contributions
  iii. Talk with Switch about how they used Opencast for their
    shared platform
  iv. Compatibility between Pod and Opencast remains an open
    question. ID will explore possibility of an informal
    compare/contrast
  v. The player of Opencast has been further developed since
    last examined by the community in France
  vi. Pod
    1. Is deployed in dozens of French institutions =
     important French community...
    2. A new apprentice is going to work on Pod this year
    3. Sustainability remains an issue

f. CAS – including proposed CAS supporting subscription
  i. MG: any conflict of interest for Misagh (now as a
    freelancer)?
  ii. ESUP willing to pay to have something implement? Yes but
    we mostly want "help/support".

g. OpenEquella
  i. Steering team
    1. Have someone from France to join Governance body?
  ii. Developer team
    1. Currently largely drawn from Commercial Affiliates

6. **MoU (update/renewal)**
   a. Googledoc of current at https://docs.google.com/document/d/15s7omdV1g7qDA5fJA6gNAYXS7tldtPBi4XFgLJdqkX8/edit#heading=h.ske0ahw70gj
   b. NB MoU "Practical Actions" items 1 through 7 are standing items.

7. **ESUP-Days #29 / Apereo Paris 2020**
   a. February 4th, 2020
   b. Work on the program

8. **TODOs:**
   a. Translate the "Apereo incubation process" in French once the new version is out
   b. Make an article for the newsletter about (upcoming) SaaS services
       i. why doing this? (instead of buying for it)
      ii. update status
   c. Next Meeting Dec. 17 2019 at Edinburgh —— CONFIRMED
   d. Encourage ESUP members join project steering committee
   e. OAE: have a report of UX/UI work
   f. Karuta: make a vignette about this "success story"