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
5. CAS – including proposed CAS supporting subscription
6. MoU (update/renewal) Googledoc of current at https://docs.google.com/document/d/15s7omdV1q7qDA5fJA6qNAYXS7tldtPBi4XFqL3dqkX8/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...
      1. 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, Sandstorm
          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/15s7omdV1g7qDA5fJA6gNAYXS7tltdtPB14XFqLJdqkX8/edit#heading=h.ske0ahw70gj  
   b. NB MoU "Practical Actions" items 1 through 7 are standing items.

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

8. TODOs:  
   a. Translate the "Apero 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"