

Governance and Transition Background

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Governance and Transition Background: Disclaimer

The purpose of this information is to provide background information to support discussions related to GENI's future governance and timeline for transition.

None of this information should be taken as authoritative. Rather, it represents my best current understanding of various options and attempts to identify both areas of community consensus and those of continuing debate.

GENI Transition Goals and Gross Timeline

GENI goals during and beyond transition to new governance model

- Continue and expand GENI's success as a platform for research and education;
- Identify and recommend research investment opportunities in support of future GENI operations and capabilities; and
- Maximize the contribution of existing cyberinfrastructure design and community to future research cyberinfrastructure projects.

Timeline

Time Period	Activity
Now	Transition planning
2016 - 2017	Continued operation under GPO and transition implementation
2018 -	Ongoing operation and new project innovation under new governance



Likely Governance Model

(Believed to be non-controversial)

Two bodies involved in governance

- Policy body (“GENI Council”), with representation from various constituencies (see background paper, table 2)
- Administrative / executive body (needs a name) with a small technical staff that manages day-to-day business, within parameters set by GENI Council. May do work in-house and/or issue subcontracts.

Open questions

- Composition and selection of council
- Division of responsibilities and authority between the two bodies
- Relationship with research sponsors

Governance Partners / Parent Organizations

GENI needs legal status, presumably non-profit. Options include

- Stand up a new non-profit (little community support for this approach)
- Join forces with an established non-profit with similar mission
 - Internet2 and US Ignite are specific candidates
- House GENI in a (new or existing) university research center or institute
 - Additional investigation needed on this possibility
- Something else
- Each has pros and cons - see background paper for more info

Strawman Transition Timeline and Candidate Milestones

Winter 2015 (from this meeting)

- Identify governance and administrative organizational models.
- Identify financial model and strawman operating budgets.
- Identify refresh and repair policies and priorities.

Spring 2016

- Governance / administrative leadership recruitment

Summer 2016

- First meetings of governance bodies.
- Detailed budget

Summer 2016 (cont.)

- Issue initial RFPs
- Publish initial refresh schedule

Fall 2016

- Secure initial revenue commitments
- Receive proposals and select suppliers
- Initial activity transitions from GPO to new organization(s)

Spring 2017

- Secure ongoing revenue commitments

Fall 2017

- Finalize transition



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