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GENI Planning:
Introductory Statement

GENI Council

There seems to be a strong consensus in the community for the formation of a GENI Council, envisioned as the strategic policy body and comprised of Senior researchers, Educators, CIOs and other stakeholders.

Internet2 would like to see that body formed as soon as possible in order that it guide the transition of the current GENI environment during 2016-2017

We envision the Council becoming the advisory body for the project as it evolves

Internet2's potential role

If the community is willing to stand up the GENI Council with all due speed, Internet2 is very interested in working with the Council to map out a sustainable path forward with Internet2 taking the central administrative role as the entity described as the GENI Administrative Office

Internet2 is a not-for-profit with no endowment, so everything we do must to be paid for. Thus, discussion with the Council must include not only identifying the functions to be performed but also must address funding commitments from the community as well as feasible paths to other funding sources, including but not limited to the NSF.

Should such discussions become fruitful, and Internet2 and the GENI communities agree to Internet2 taking on that administrative role, then Internet2 will commit to an open, public and nationwide search with broad participation by the GENI communities in a search committee for a senior staff member to lead the effort with a team organized as a separate entity within Internet2

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Longer-term view

Internet2 believes it is important to view this effort not as only GENI sustainability, but rather to take the larger view of developing a _persistent national facility for experimental research in cyberinfrastructure._

We think that projects like BD Hubs, CloudLab, and Chameleon will ultimately get to the point where GENI is now - needing a sustainability plan. We should be planning for that.