Incubation BOF

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Three questions asked initially:

1. Does the current process need more structure – if so, what’s missing?
2. What about existing projects – do we grandfather them into sponsored status, allow them to be non-graduating, make a checklist and give them lots of time to think about components?

Jasig process similar to “tool” lifecycle in Sakai

Each community determines what sponsorship means, and what constitutes a red flag (significant costs or significant risks) to the foundation.

Incubation generates a “Seal of Approval” that can give schools confidence that they can adopt. Says the Foundation is distributing the project.

Merger gives us an opportunity to repurpose. What do we think is important? Ask communities or incubation projects in what areas could you benefit from further help? Ex. Community governance models, licensing, ongoing sharing of best practices, craft.

Can we use 2-3-98 maturity model as part of checklist?

Need to revisit with regular reviews. Current process allows for graduation, not more.

Need a value proposition of the incubation process itself. How do we provide value to projects, communities of interest, the Foundation itself.

Should we be using graduation as a term? Sounds too final. Result is that sponsorship is conferred. Can we expand mentoring beyond the committee so it scales better?

Identified need is in building community. An example of mentorship in a soft skill – how to pitch your project.

Alignment of sponsored projects of new organization – what’s important generates checklist.

We need to address both sides: What are projects going to do for us. | What are we going to do as projects.

Expand communities of interest to include new ones such as Teaching and Learning and make sure the process is relevant.

Next Steps: Form a working group that will make an initial checklist and vet it. The process is what we will use to determine what is important in obtaining sponsorship. First step, write a value proposition statement.

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