Resolving the Digital Divide: Small Universities

PITAC Panel, Chaired by Ching-chih Chen

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- **Follow-up from February meeting**
  - Discussions with representative universities
  - Meeting planning with EDUCAUSE/NCO

- **Workshop by PITAC/EDUCAUSE**

- **JUNE 4-6, Washington, DC**

- **Entitled: Next Steps for Next Generation Networks (Draft Title)**

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- ## Workshop's Purpose
  - **To develop recommendations for PITAC on expansion of advanced networking services beyond the early adopter institutions.**

- ## Problem
  - **Many institutions use networks that suffer from congestion, latency, and intermittent performance.**
  - **Some applications available on the various research networks are not available through the commodity Internet.**
  - **The large number of smaller universities/colleges have been neglected in terms of their network needs.**

- ## Goal
  - **To enable all universities to access services over a network of sufficient quality and robustness to complete a task.**

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- ## Attendees:
  - ### Approximately 50 campuses.
  - ### Nominated by EDUCAUSE for participation in this workshop because campus is exemplary of the the types of institutions that can benefit from advanced networking.
  - ### Types of institutions attending represent all levels.

- ## Registration:
  - ### Register online at www.educause.edu

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- **Possible Result from the Meeting**
  - **Input of Representative Universities**
  - **Recommendations to Address the Problems**
  - **Actions Necessary to Resolve the Problems**
  - **Findings and Recommendations to be Considered by the Full PITAC**