The Community College Constituency Group (CCCG) scheduled a longer session this year; 80 minutes versus the previous 50 minutes. We had a fantastic turnout for a late Wednesday afternoon. The thirty eight people provided lively participation as we discussed the Top Ten Technology Priorities. This year along with the information technology c-level participants that we've had in past years, this year we were joined by registrars, business officers, provosts and faculty. What a joy to have them be a part of the discussion.

Building on last year we started the session with each participant sharing a success story from the past year. There was an impressive collection of stories of success which was a jump start to the rest of our discussions. The top ten discussion flowed into a variety of other contemporary topics, including a discussion on reporting relationship of the top information technology officer. Should it be to the President? If so, why? Weigh in on the listserv and let us know **your** thoughts. In the end 80 minutes wasn’t long enough. We had so much potential to continue the conversation into the many issues we face in the community college.

Personally I am more interested in talking about how we use technology to facilitate the mission of the College. But recently it seems infrastructure has become a compelling topic. The 2014 top ten was evenly split between internal and external. The early indication is the 2015 top ten will be more internally focused. What does that mean for our priorities?

So consider the infrastructure at your college in the context of the following. In the last five years we, at the College of DuPage, have grown disk from 3 TB to over 38 TB, internet demand from 30 Mbs to 800 Mbs, 5 Wifi access points to over 400 access points. Last month our 28,000 students and 3,000 employees attached 40,000 devices to our Wifi network. Any wonder why infrastructure is back front and center on our priorities? Share your stories on the Community College Constituency Group listserv.

Come join us next year and let’s keep the success stories and conversation about our challenges going.

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