

# Re-thinking Fedora Governance

The **fedora**<sup></sup> Council

# What is the Fedora Council?

- An informal round-table
- A place to get together
- A body which represents the whole project
- Point of contact to other groups
- The voice of our contributors

# What the council is not

- A rival of the board
- Above other groups or projects
- The Community Working Group
- Directly elected by the community
- Representative to the outside world

# Yet another committee?

- Not really a committee but at concentrate of our projects
- There hardly is any coordination between the different groups in Fedora
- No human (not even Robyn!) can do all the coordination and communication

# Who constitutes the Council?

- The Council consists of representatives from all projects and groups
- There is no strict distinction between projects and groups. All teams can send a delegate into the Council.
- Representatives get elected/appointed by their group/project
- A delegate should not be chair of a committee

# What does the Council do?

- Meetings: Meets regularly (hopefully)
- Coordination: Liaise with the different groups and projects within Fedora
- Organization: Can take over organization of events such as FUDCons
- Budget: Decides how to spend our money
- Whatever we want it to do! Time will tell...

# Budget: Why not FAmSCo

- FAmSCo decides about non-ambassadors and their work
- FAmSCo does not know these contributors or their work
- Non-ambassadors need to ask FAmSCo for money
- Non-ambassadors don't know who to ask

# Budget: Why not a Finance SIG?

- Idea of Max but never came true
- We don't want people who are interested in money but in Fedora
- SIG does not represent the whole Fedora Project
- People could join the SIG just to get the most for their teams



# Open questions

- Should membership in the council be mandatory? Do all groups *need* to send somebody?
- What is the relationship between the Board and the Council? Can one overpower the other? Does one have a veto powers?
- If everybody can join the council, can we make sure it remains representative?

# Future

- What more can the council do? Can they take over other tasks?
- Will the council become a real constitutional body or remain an informal group?
- ...
- *<Your question goes here>*