Campus Notebook Computer Programmes

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Notebook computer programmes are proliferating as many universities move from "corporate" ownership of computing resources to individual ownership. Benefits of such programmes have been widely touted by universities and commercial notebook computer vendors including enhancement of universities marketing position, decreased IT expenses because of cost-sharing between institutions and students, extended learning opportunities, and enhanced IT skills.

But how each individual programme is implemented is highly contextualized on local goals, needs, and circumstances. This special interest group meeting will give representatives from tertiary institutions an opportunity to interact, share success stories, identify common concerns, and perhaps develop collaborative efforts around the issues of "assured access" and "mobile computing."

Issues that may be discussed include:

* Planning and implementing such programmes.
* Multiple or single vendor solutions
* Cost-effectiveness
* Bridging the gap between academia and business
* Managing vendor relationships
* Equity of implementation
* Staff support and development
* Barriers to success
* Programme evaluation