

Research Computing Advisory Committee

Minutes Apr. 14, 2014 (taken by Erik Deumens)

Present: Paul Avery was not present for personal reasons, S. Balachandar, Erik Deumens, David Nessler, Alberto Riva.

Discussion on the outreach plan

The outreach plan is nearly in final form. The committee reorganized the proposed list of outreach activities in terms of the marketing and outreach funnel, with the broadly scoped activities at the top of the funnel and the very specific activities, e.g. requiring registration, at the bottom.

The collaborative space mentioned in the outreach plan aligns naturally with the collaborative space that is needed by the UF Informatics Institute. Dr. Norton is working on defining and securing such space. That space can fulfill the functions envisioned in the RC outreach plan.

The revised version will be sent to the committee for final approval by Friday April 18. Then we will present it both to the CIO who requested the plan and to the UFII Steering Committee (IIRC).

Discussion on interaction with UFII

The goals and activities of UF Research Computing, as a department in UFIT, and of the Informatics Institute are very closely related and complementary. UFRC can be considered as providing the infrastructure and UFII as the academic and intellectual activities of doing research and education in support of all research computing activities on campus. Thus, the RCAC and the UFII Steering Committee (IISC) should work closely together to make sure that resources are used optimally and that the best outcomes are achieved for UF.

The committee will write a short vision document to discuss with the IISC on how the two organizations and the two governance structures can work together.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be on Monday, May 5 at the usual location in NPB 2205 from 1:30 – 2: 30 pm.