

Research Computing Advisory Committee

Minutes June 9, 2014 (taken by Erik Deumens)

Present: Paul Avery, Erik Deumens, Hannah Norton, Alberto Riva.

Updates

- The activity of the RCAC was presented by Paul Avery to the Informatics Institute Steering Committee meeting on May 16.
- The Outreach plan was presented to the CIO on May 28. The plan was discussed in detail.
 - o One of the resource requests was addressed by the recent authorization to hire a content and documentation manager and technical writer position in UFIT to support Research Computing activities, including the outreach activities planned by the RCAC.
 - o The funding for (a) student(s) to help with the outreach activities will be provided to the UFIT Communications unit led by Tracy Gale.
 - o The intent to coordinate closely with the Informatics Institute as viewed as very positive, since the VP and CIO is co-sponsor of the Informatics Institute with VP for Research Dr. Norton.
- An offer to be the founding director of the Informatics Institute has been extended to Dr. George Michailidis on June 6.
- The Libraries have been authorized to post a position for a data management specialist.
- The CIO presented the research infrastructure investments to the Board of Trustees and receive strong support to continue.
- Plans for HiPerGator2 are in the works with a target date for production use of April 2015. The required power upgrade in the data center has been approved and the work has started.

Discussion on metrics and milestones for the

- Avery will revise the Outreach Plan with the feedback from the VP and CIO and will add the section with milestones and metrics for success.
- Sean Adams, director of the Center for Humanities and Public Sphere, has requested sponsorship from RCAC for the speaker series of this fall. The focus will be the impact of modern technologies on the work force and on the way people live and how the humanities can lead and enable that discussion. The committee is in favor of supporting this activity. Research Computing will fund at least one speaker. The committee suggested that CHPS make the request to the Informatics Institute as well. **Note:** They did on June 13.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be on Monday, July 7 at the usual location in NPB 2205 from 1:30 – 2: 30 pm.