

Research Computing Advisory Committee

Minutes Apr 8, 2024 (taken by Erik Deumens)

Present: Nikolay Bliznyuk, Chris Barnes, Gogce Crynen, Erik Deumens, Guillaume Labilloy, Damon Lamb, Rafa Munoz-Carpena, Alberto Riva, Bruce Vogel, Jack Stenner

Updates

- **UFIT Research Computing staff**
 - o The search for research software engineers (RSE): Two people were hired; they started April 5. Three more candidates will be made on offer this week. Several more candidates will be interviewed in the coming weeks.
 - o The search for one research computing facilitator (RCF) or support engineer is ongoing. This position is at system admin level III. For two other positions, vacancies at level III and another at level IV, applicants are being screened.
 - o A page has been created on the RC website <https://www.rc.ufl.edu> to show where RC staff is available for walk-in and in-person meetings <https://www.rc.ufl.edu/contact-us/consulting-and-walk-up-locations/>
- **Gator AI Camp**
 - o In 2017, 2018, 2019 RC organized a summer camp for rising high-school students. That program was discontinued during the pandemic and the ramp up of UF AI Initiative. Now, with NSF funding, a one-week Gator AI Camp will be held in July 14-19. <https://www.cpet.ufl.edu/students/uf-cpet-summer-programs/gator-artificial-intelligence-camp/>

Discussion

- The details of the new RSE program were discussed: how the program works, what the RSEs will do, how the funding works.
- Soon a communication will be sent out with details and the process and policies will be published on the RC website. More details were included in last month's minutes.

Next meeting will be on June 3, 2024 from 2:00 – 2:30 pm. The meeting will be Zoom only.