

# Research Computing Advisory Committee

Minutes January 23, 2023 (taken by Erik Deumens)

**Present:** Chris Barnes, Nikolay Bliznyuk, Gogce Crynen, Susmita Datta, Erik Deumens, Jorge Friaz-Lopez, Richard Hennig, Bill Hogan, Gale Keenan, Damon Lamb, Rafa Munoz-Carpena, Alberto Riva, Massoud Rouhizadeh, Jack Stenner, Bruce Vogel

## Updates

- **HITRUST certification of HiPerGator**
  - o Frazier & Deeter is reviewing the report on the remediation work done by UF
  - o For projects that use PHI, a process will be published on the website during February that spells out what needs to be done to use PHI on HiPerGator.
    - The draft is shared with the group for feedback.
- **UFIT Research Computing staff changes**
  - o RC has hired one support engineer, with two being negotiated.
  - o Chris Burns has been hired in the regulated research support engineer position with starting date of Feb 17, 2023.
  - o The IT manager position has three promising candidates in the screening process.

## Discussion

- The process for using HiPerGator for PHI projects was discussed.
- Erik asked the group on input regarding the AI tool chatGPT from OpenAI that has been in the news recently and about which the Elias Eldayrie as UF CIO, Gigi Lipori as UFHealth CIO, and Erik as director of Research Computing have been asked to give guidance.
  - o The discussion was lively. Many voices chimed in with both the following statements
    - caution that chatGPT and other OpenAI tools have been found by members to make mistakes
    - recognition that this is interesting technology that can really be helpful and useful
  - o There are issues with rights. The technology needs to be given time to mature, but it is promising. The university should not block its use.
  - o The group's advice is to proceed with caution.

Next meeting will be on February 20, 2022 from 2:00 – 2:30 pm. The meeting will be Zoom only.