

# Research Computing Advisory Committee

Minutes Mar 4, 2024 (taken by Erik Deumens)

**Present:** Nikolay Bliznyuk, Chris Barnes, Gogce Crynen, Susmita Datta, Erik Deumens, Guillaume Labilloy, Lauren McIntyre, Massoud Rouhizadeh, Bruce Vogel, Jack Stenner

## Updates

### - UFIT Research Computing staff

- The search for research software engineers (RSE), created by president Sasse's strategic fund, has identified an initial batch of 9 applicants to be invited for inv-person interview during March. A second batch is in email and video screening interview stages.
- The search for one research computing facilitator (RCF) or support engineer is ongoing. This position is at system admin level III. Two other positions, one at level III and another at level IV, were just [posted](#) to fill openings created by people who left.
- 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/>. The page is still under construction. Office numbers for HPNP and DSIT buildings are being finalized.

### - OVX system

- The OVX system supporting the Omniverse development framework is being configured to be tested on the several digital twins projects that are already active at UF and some new ones that are being taken on.

## Discussion

- The activity on campus around AI has increased in the previous 6 months. A lot more requests come in from faculty with new ideas for projects. A lot of exciting work is going on.
- The new RSEs, once they are hired, can be hired at the consulting rate of \$65/hr for your grant-funded projects.
  - Budget for this service as computing services, which will incur IDC in your budget.
  - For projects that are funded by the UF president's strategic funding or other internal UF seed funding programs, the allocation of HiPerGator resources and RCF and RSE consulting hours is included. The size of the allocations will be negotiated between the PIs and Research Computing staff to determine what is appropriate for the project.
- Some partners working with UF may want evidence of the HITRUST certification. Please send an email to Erik Deumens [deumens@ufl.edu](mailto:deumens@ufl.edu) to request a copy of the certification letter.

Next meeting will be on April 8, 2024 from 2:00 – 2:30 pm. The meeting will be Zoom only.