

# Research Computing Advisory Committee

Minutes May 5, 2014 (taken by Erik Deumens)

**Present:** Sophia Acord, Paul Avery, Mike Conlon, Erik Deumens, Bill Farmerie, Laurie Taylor.

## Updates

- The Outreach plan has been submitted to the CIO and a meeting has been set up to discuss it with him on May 28.
- On April 28 the University of Florida announced the creation of GatorCloud a new website and portal for all cloud services. The announcement was made to introduce a new cloud service to faculty and staff for cloud storage up to 25 GB provided by Microsoft OneDrive. The service is approved for all data, including restricted data, that is not PHI (patient health information). There are some departments that are automatically excluded, but this is being revised. Expect an announcement soon. Other GatorCloud services are UF Apps for students. Several new cloud services will be announced in the coming weeks and months.
- GatorCloud, the name, was introduced in the NSF MRI proposal that funded the upgrade of the CRN. That proposal will provide the creation of virtual machines, clusters, storage, and software defined networks. That project is progressing and is being implemented on a 1,000-core cluster operated by Research Computing.
- The WOS storage project with DDN for collaboration across SSERCA will also become a GatorCloud service called GatorWOS.
- The Informatics Institute has several candidates with offers being negotiated; some have already been hired. There are two external candidates for the position of director. A choice is expected soon.
- Paul Avery, as chair of RCAC and member of UFII Steering Committee, has been invited to present what RCAC does to the UFII Steering Committee at an upcoming meeting.

## Discussion on interaction with UFII

The draft of the 1-page vision on the interaction is considered a good start by the committee. The discussion focused on trying to find a clear role and demarcation of responsibilities between Research Computing, the Informatics Institute, the RCAC, and the UFII Steering Committee.

Further discussion will be needed.

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