

# Research Computing Advisory Committee

## Minutes Oct 6, 2014 (taken by Erik Deumens)

**Present:** Paul Avery, S. Balachandar, Hai-Ping Cheng, Erik Deumens, Bill Farmerie, Lauren McIntyre, Hannah Norton, Alberto Riva, Laurie Taylor

### Updates

#### Informatics Institute Fall 2014 activities

- Oct 13 Selinger talk sponsored by II and RC:  
"The Outsourcing Illusion: Why Tempting Technology Can Lead to Dangerous Delegation" Evan Selinger (Rochester Institute of Technology)
- Oct 27th – UFII Seminar series:  
Michael McDonald and Jeff Johnson – Smathers Library 4-7 pm
- UFII lunch series: 11.30 – 1 pm
  - o Oct 31st: Engineering (Avery, Bala, Deumens) NRF 115
  - o Nov 4th: Life Sciences (Conlon, Barbarzuk) CTRB 2161
  - o Nov 7th: Techniques (Judge, Gader) PERC 202
  - o Nov 18th: Social Sciences (McCarty, Martinez) Matthews Suite

#### NSF call for input on Big Data Regional Innovation Hub by Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.

NSF is exploring establishment of a national network of Big Data Regional Innovation Hubs and seeks input from "across academia, state and local government, industry, and nonprofits." Responses should be no more than two pages and are due Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. The hubs would "stimulate, track, and help sustain new regional and grassroots partnerships around Big Data." <http://www.nsf.gov/cise/news/2014-bigdata-rfi.jsp>

#### Geospatial Task Force

A new task force has been created with the mission to assess the current use and need at UF for geospatial information in teaching, learning, and research and for tools to enhance working with such information, and then to propose strategic investment to bring UF to the Top 10 in this arena.

Initial requests for information about researchers using geospatial data and for courses being taught that teach the use of such data or use such data has resulted in a significant wealth of data.

#### Organization

Next meeting will be on Monday November 10, 2014 at the usual location in NPB 2205 from 1:30 – 2: 30 pm.