

Research Computing Advisory Committee

Minutes Mar 2, 2015 (taken by Erik Deumens)

Present: Paul Avery, Sophia Acord, Mike Conlon, Erik Deumens, Bill Farmerie, Lauren McIntyre, Alberto Riva, Laurie Taylor

Discussion

- The five bids from vendors to build the expansion of HiPerGator, called HiPerGator2, are being reviewed by the University administration for approval of funding. The target date for a decision was Feb 28 and has now been extended to March 31.
- Part of the discussion centers on the business model to create a sustainable environment of research computing infrastructure. We are reviewing peer institutions and how they fund their research computing infrastructure.
- The current funding model in use at UF has been very successful in building faculty confidence and increasing buy-in by faculty replacing a large number of compute clusters spread across campus with a single shared resources for computation and storage. The matching program has been very instrumental in convincing faculty to try the shared infrastructure approach and they have found it works better than they expected.

Organization

Next meeting will be on Monday April 6, 2015 at the usual location in NPB 2205 from 1:30 – 2:30 pm.