Research Computing Advisory Committee
Minutes May 7, 2018 (taken by Erik Deumens)

Present: Paul Avery, S. Balachandar, Peter Barnes, Erik Deumens, Lauren McIntyre, Alberto Riva, Plato Smith, Laurie Taylor

Discussion

- Review the goals for Mar 2018 – Feb 2019 for Erik Deumens and Research Computing by the CIO:
    - Maintain HiPerGator: address need for GPUs and other needs like refresh of several ancillary servers that are reaching end of life.
    - Communication campaign to make sure HiPerGator and ResVault is in the awareness of faculty and administrators.
    - Explore the use of the public cloud and set up enterprsie agreements for Azure, Google, AWS, and IBM.
    - Create training for research facilitation for central and distributed IT staff to learn how to support researchers better to start in fall of 2018.
    - Develop a grant program for faculty in the humanities and social sciences with few researches to pay for use of HiPerGator and ResVault
    - Develop the UFIT Fellows programs for CISE junior and senior students to start in fall 2018.
    - Make national presentations about what UF is doing in research computing.
    - Apply for external funding.
- RC is developing a process for onboarding research projects into ResVault with all offices at UF involved in supporting researchers who work with restricted data: ISO, O Research, Privacy, IRB, etc.
- There is a new version of the Acceptable Use Policy out in draft for comment at https://security.ufl.edu/2018/04/draft-updates-to-acceptable-use-policy-and-related-documents/. Please provide feedback by sending email to Avi Baumstein avi@ufl.edu..

Organization

- Next meeting will be on Monday June 4, 2018 in the usual conference room NPB 2304 from 1:30 – 2:30 pm. The meeting will be Zoom enabled for virtual attendance.