UNIVERSITY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (UIT) RESEARCH PORTFOLIO
MEETING SUMMARY
DATE: 6.17.2013
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Eccles Broadcast Center (EBC), Dumke Conference Room

IN ATTENDANCE:
Valerio Pascucci    Kobus Van der Merwe    George Hepner    Tom Cheatham
Julio Facelli      Martin Berzins        Abby Adamczyk    Steve Corbató

COMMITTEE SUPPORT: Julia Harrison, Josh Wall

UNABLE TO ATTEND:
Frank Brown        Eric Denna           Brad Cairns      Carleton DeTar    Cynthia Furse
Sean Lawson        Philip Smith         Catherine Soehner Mike Strong

Welcome/minutes approval – unanimously approved

Response to Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Cuts
Fiscal Year 2014 real budget cuts resulted in a 4.5 full-time employee (FTE) reduction. The FY15 budget had an emphasis on getting money from faculty, as a reduction in funds from Facilities & Administration (F&A) will continue. The clear message was to diversify the funding portfolio for the Center for High Performance Computing (CHPC). The F&A committee did not take into account the recommendation of this committee regarding the CHPC FY14 budget as presented during the Research Portfolio meeting on April 24, which had cut 2 FTEs (open positions) and was unanimously approved by the committee.

Action Item:
Tom Cheatham will express the concerns of this committee to the Vice President of Research Office and Information Technology (IT) Leadership and include points about the clear disconnect in the role, responsibilities, and effectiveness of IT Governance.

Review Revised CHPC Budget
Eliminating visualization, advanced networking. Four FTEs were cut from the CHPC budget. The cuts focus on preserving core services (High Performance Computing, storage, virtualization). Funding for the desktop support services for Intermountain Networking and Scientific Computing Center (INSCC) was discussed. Additionally, the budget will need to add that CHPC should go after additional grant money. There was discussion about how these cuts are going to be felt by way of services for desktop support and building networking.

Planning the future of CHPC

Action Item:
Steve Corbató, Julio Facelli and Julia Harrison will begin assessment of CHPC staffing levels, as compared to other similar centers across the country. In addition to, examining CHPC desktop support.

Action Item:
Create a subcommittee with the goal of establishing a funding model and structure of CHPC. Potential membership: Phil Smith, Martin Berzins, Valerio Pascucci, Tom Cheatham, Vale Molinero, Julio Facelli, and Brad Cairns.

Response to HIPAA Compliance and ways to avoid blocking Health Sciences research productivity
The implications to research were discussed, and it was suggested this will slow down research significantly.

Action Item:
Tom Cheatham will draft a response from this committee addressing this.