

SUMMARY FOR RESEARCH PORTFOLIO MEETING

DATE: May 23, 2014

TIME: 2-3 p.m.

LOCATION: Eccles Broadcast Center, Dumke Conference Room

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Berzins	Frank Brown	Thomas Cheatham	Steven Corbató
Carleton DeTar	Valerio Pascucci	Catherine Soehner	

COMMITTEE SUPPORT: Julia Harrison, Rene Eborn

UNABLE TO ATTEND:

Brad Cairns	Eric Denna	Julio Facelli	Cynthia Furse
George Hepner	Sean Lawson	Kobus Van der Merwe	Philip Smith
Mike Strong			

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Anita Orendt — Center for High Performance Computing

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal Year 2014 equipment priorities
- CHPC leadership

Fiscal Year 2014 equipment priorities

The Center for High Performance Computing's budget allocated \$350,000 for hardware. Due to uncertainty with power costs at the Downtown Data Center, CHPC held off on spending that money until it was clear the funds would not need to be spent on operating expenses. CHPC leadership now feels comfortable spending the funds as allocated and asked staff for recommendations for potential hardware acquisition. Suggestions were made to increase storage capacity, upgrade network speed for data backups, and bulk up cycles.

Members of the portfolio were asked whether they saw any issues with the staff's proposal. No one had an objection.

CHPC leadership

Steve Corbató told the committee that Tom Cheatham had applied for the open CHPC director position. Chief Information Officer Eric Denna is leaving for another job, and Corbató would be filling the role of interim CIO as well as interim CHPC director. The search for a permanent director yielded some candidates, but they had dropped out for personal reasons, leaving Cheatham the strongest applicant. The University is moving quickly to interview him for the position so CHPC could potentially have a new director in place before Corbató is fully engaged with interim CIO duties.