RTAG Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 11/11/2016 3:00-4:00pm
Meeting Location: 2330 Discovery Building
All present except K. Forrest. S. Dasu by phone.

Agenda Topic: Welcome and Introductions
  • Members of RTAG introduced themselves.

Agenda Topic: Overview of Emerging IT Governance Structure
  • Nick Tincher provided an overview of the IT governance structure – why now, opportunities, current state, future state, guiding principles, strategies, and activities for the next 30-60 days.
  • Brian Rust (DoIT Communications) provided general ideas about the structure of governance group web resources on it.wisc.edu.

Agenda Topic: Expectations of RTAG
  • Marsha Mailick provided her expectations of RTAG – to take on assessment, advisory, and advocacy roles to support the VCRGE in meeting her responsibility to ensure research cyberinfrastructure and information technology are effectively aligned to support and advance vibrant research programs at UW-Madison. RTAG serves two purposes – one as an advisory body to the VCRGE, one as an advocacy body on research technology matters within the IT governance structure.

Agenda Topic: Discuss Charter
  • Nick walked through the charter document. Group discussion focused on clarity of guiding principles, scope, and roles.
  • Further clarity needed around the term “cyberinfrastructure” – this is not an intuitive word to those who are not used to NSF terminology.
  • Further definition needed around “data” that would not be included in computing.

Agenda Topic: Appointees to IT Infrastructure Advisory Group, IT Steering Committee, and RTAG Executive Committee
  • Unanimous approval by the group for all appointees.
  • Scott Nolin to the IT Infrastructure Advisory Group
  • Nick Tincher, Jan Greenberg, Miron Livny to the IT Steering Committee
  • Nick Tincher, Jan Greenberg, Miron Livny, Katrina Forest to the RTAG Executive Committee