

RTAG Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 4/19/2017 1:00-2:00pm

Meeting Location: Room 334 Bascom

In attendance: Michael Lehman, Jan Greenberg, Steve Ackerman, Nicholas Tincher, Lee Konrad, Jan Cheetham, Miron Livny, Rafi Lazimy, Katrina Forest, Sridhara Dasu, Jee-Seon Kim, Rick Konopacki, Andy Arnold, Scott Nolin, Jim Walker, Caprice Greenberg, Paul Wilson

Absent: Nadine Connor, David Page, Mark Sweet, Marsha Mailick

Agenda Topic: Automatic Consent: Minutes of 2/15 Meeting

- Minutes were approved

Agenda Topic: IT Service Inventory Analysis

- Campus community provided data on services provided, mostly customer facing services. We are interested in knowing why they're there, where they live, how they work.
- A working group was commissioned through DTAG to determine how to analyze the data. The group came up with a proposal as to how to proceed.
- A lot of data was captured, but may not have captured integration of services at a local level and the impact on campus.
- Discussion was had.
- This working group's proposal will be taken to ITSC for review on April 21. If you have recommendations, please see the working group members.

Agenda Topic: IT Spend FY16

- A second iteration of the IT Spend exercise ending in July 2016.
- The group adopted a draft definition for IT. Capital expenditures were articulated, IT Spend was associated with the type of fund – GPR, grants, gifts, indirects, and other.
- ITSC will review the report and make recommendations on communication plan during their meeting on April 21.
- The report will not be made public.

Agenda Topic: Evaluating Return on Investment for Research Computing and Research Technology

- RTAG has to develop tools. Budget decisions are going to be made. We need to start the discussion on how we go about this.
- Two key questions are "what metrics do we need to evaluate ROI?" and "how should this group go about it?"
- The metrics should be consistent in the research domain (research computing in comparison to other functions in research), not research computing in comparison to other campus technology decisions.
- The conversation will have to be structured. In an earlier meeting topic, we discussed how we make decisions not based on financial criteria. Here we might be.
- A short discussion was had.