

RTAG Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: 10/15/2018 | 1:00-2:00PM

Meeting Location: 334 Bascom

Members in attendance:

Andy Arnold, David Page, Jan Cheetham, Jan Greenberg, Jee-Seon Kim, Katrina Forest, Lee Konrad, Mark Sweet, Nick Tincher, Sridhara Dasu

Members Absent: Jim Walker, Miron Livny, Nadine Connor, Nasia Safdar, Scott Nolin, Steve Ackerman

Guests: Normal Drinkwater, Brian Yandell, Steven Devoti

Agenda Topic: Approval of Meeting Notes from 9/17 (Katrina Forest)

- The notes were approved.

Agenda Topic: Announcements, in particular multiple authentication login plans

- The [slides](#) are in box.
- It was brought up that we need to make sure that external people who have a net id, and collaborators know about this change. There is a plan for that after the rollout of the internal net id changes.
- Katrina will draft an email and send to Andy & Jan Cheetham. Jan will take it to the IAM council meeting. *(post meeting note – Andy and Jan have been active already and have discussed with IAM)*

Agenda Topic: Electronic Lab Notebook update (Nick Tincher and Jan Cheetham)

- The [slides](#) from the presentation are in box.
- The current contract will be extended for an additional year, so there are 2 years to address questions and get RFPs.
- Currently we are paying \$75,000/year for a 5 year contract. This was based on 10,000 potential research users. There are only about 15% of eligible people using it (although this is actually a little higher than equivalent statistic at peer universities). It will cost \$86,000 for the transition year. It was paid for by the provost's office under Paul DeLuca for 3 years and the last 2 years by Campus Software Library.
- RTAG said they would like to get updates on the progress and provide their opinion.

Agenda Topic: Discussion of initiatives for computing and data science at UW, including new school recommendations and Data Science Initiative and the RTAG working group recommendations for a leadership position in the VCRGE which we discussed last month.

- Norman said the 3 parallel tracks we have going on right now are 1) OVCRGE is working with the CIO to develop a plan to provide baseline computing infrastructure, including data storage, to all faculty on campus. RTAG is a critical adviser in that effort 2) the Chancellor wanted computer science on campus looked at in relation to other campuses; and 3) investigating the possibility for a Data Science Institute.
- Brian said there is a movement to add an undergraduate degree in Data Science.