Faculty Assessment of the State of Research Computing (FASRC) Focus Group #2

Biological Sciences, December 6, 2012

Meeting Agenda

Background on FASRC Project

Project Plan

- Faculty Led Committee
  - Committee Members
- Faculty Survey
  - Hand-out on preliminary results
- Focus Groups by Schools
- Town Hall Meeting January 7, 2013
- Report to CIO, VCR, and UL

Focus Group Logistics

Introduction of Attendees

Provocative Questions
FASRC Committee Members

Faculty

- Antoinette LaFarge, Arts, Editor
- Doug Tobias, Phys Sci, Editor
- Robin Bush, Biological Sciences, Editor
- Anthong Long, Biological Sciences
- Stephen White, Medicine
- Suzanne Sandmeyer, Medicine
- Maria Pantelia, Humanities
- Crista Lopes, Information Sciences
- James Meeker, Social Ecology
- Donald Dabdub, Engineering
- Ted Wright, Social Science
- David Goldberg, Humanities

Staff

- Tony Soeller, OIT
- Allen Schiano, OIT
- Dan Tsang, Libraries
- Jill Kay, Office of Research
Provocative Questions:

1. What do you want to tell the FASRC Committee about your concerns/issues/problems with the state of research computing at UCI as you see it?

2. What do you think are the greatest concerns/issues/problems for research computing in the School of Biological Sciences?

3. Considering current research computing services and support you currently receive at UCI, how would you like to see them significantly improve?

4. What research computing services and support are you not receiving that are important to your current and future research needs?

5. Our recent faculty survey of research computing showed that a majority of faculty were concerned about their research data in some way. If you agree with this statement, please describe how this issue affects you.

6. If UCI built a campus-wide (including centralized and School/department involvement) data storage system, what services would you find most valuable and why?

7. A second theme from the survey was the need for support personnel in a variety of subject and service areas. Describe the kind of personnel and their skills that would help you with your research computing needs.

8. What research computing services and support do you want to see being handled by your School and Departmental staff? Similarly, by the Library, the Office of Research, and OIT?

9. What have we not asked you on the survey or here that you’d like to tell us?