ITPB Attendees: Jim Davis, Jerry Kang, John Mamer, Warren Mori, Neil Netanel, Tom Phelan, Janice Reiff, Gary Strong

Michelle Chen, recorder

Absent: Dana Cuff, Deborah Estrin, Jonathan Furner, Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr., Sara Kim, Christopher Lee, Chon Noriega, Jack Powazek, Vincent Riggs, John Riley, Joseph Rudnick, Linda Sarna, Guy Rodgers, Jeremy Reynard

Invited Guests: Julie Austin, Mike Lee, Arash Naeim

Resources: Bill Labate, Larry Loeher, Rose Rocchio, Andrew Wissmiller

Chair Jerry Kang called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM.

**Agenda Item #1: Approval of April 4, 2012 Meeting Summary**

The summary from the April 4, 2012 meeting was approved.

**Agenda Item #2: Major Milestones with IDRE Computation and Storage Programs (Warren Mori, Bill Labate, Jim Davis)**

UCLA has recommended that the UC ShaRCS project be shut down. The original plan for the UC ShaRCS project was to leverage all the campuses to build resources for research storage. UCOP funded $5.6 million and changed the model to a more centralized approach. UCLA has had success with a federated model, and now that the funding is gone, it no longer makes sense to pursue a UC-wide approach.

The Hoffman2 shared cluster is a program where faculty contribute their purchased hardware into a centrally managed, professionally run data center. It is the most powerful cluster in the UC system and has been in operation since January 2008. The benefit of the program is that has very low cost, efficient operation, and wide research and educational impact.

The Cloud Archival Storage Program was created to deal with the increasing demand for “inexpensive, good enough” backup/archival research data storage. It has received endorsement from the IDRE Executive Board. The program is currently looking at vendors and refining the financial model. It will be going through the governance process. This program is different from the IT Services data storage program because it provides a different type of computation and access, allows for group research and specialized requirements and needs.
Agenda Item #3: Research Informatics Planning Initiative Phase I Close and Phase II Planning (Arash Naeim/Jim Davis)

The Research Informatics Initiative has gone through Phase I, which mostly involved basic needs and services of researchers at UCLA. Five faculty committees were formed to determine the opportunities and challenges in research.

The top 5 priorities among all committees were:
1. Create a data repository that allows for easy storage, linkages, and transporting data over time
2. Provide access to tools to mine and manipulate data.
3. Provide access to commonly used databases.
4. Create a data repository for sharing data sets across disciplines.
5. Develop a campus-wide inventory of all software licenses.

The top 5 challenges among all committees were:
1. Local campus expertise in research informatics expertise is not widely known nor easily accessible.
2. Data backups systems are not standardized across campus.
3. There are no standard protocols for cataloging and storing code or solutions developed by individual researchers or graduate students. When these individuals leave the university, the information is lost.
4. There are no standards for data archival (type of data, duration, access, ownership, management, etc.)
5. There are no formal funding mechanisms to support research equipment and staff between grant-funded projects.

The strongest message that came out of the Phase I meetings was the immediate need for services and support for basic research requirements. Many of the needs already exist or are low-hanging fruit. The plan is to address the needs while moving forward to Phase II, which is to establish UCLA’s long term vision for Research Informatics.

Agenda Item #4: Scholars @ UCLA Project (Mike Lee/Michelle Chen)

UCLA’s Information Technology Planning Board (ITPB) and the Office of Information Technology are cosponsoring the Scholars @ UCLA pilot project, to empower faculty to create a professional website to highlight their scholarship, teaching, and service. This project targets faculty who would like to have a web presence but lack the technical or financial resources to do so. The pilot will begin in June and last until the end of Fall quarter. The project coordinators are looking for up to 50 participants for the pilot. The participants will be trained on the features and functionality of the site. The pilot will be evaluated in Winter and project sponsors will determine whether to launch the site into full production. It was suggested that a user agreement should be added that discusses copyright issues.
Agenda Item #5: Latest Information on UC Online Education (UCOE) Initiative (John Mamer/Jim Davis)

This is a reprise of the Online Education discussion from the previous ITPB meeting.

There is a push for all UCOE courses to be on the COLE learning environment, which is in Sakai. However, UCLA resources are currently going into Moodle.

The discussion on where courses for matriculated vs. non-matriculated students go is still ongoing. The UCOE and UCLA rights on intellectual property are also at odds. The issue of non-matriculated students on COLE is currently being looked at by the UC-wide Academic Senate and the Undergraduate Council at UCLA.

This topic will be brought to ITPB again for future discussions.

Agenda Item #6: Next meeting and adjournment (Jerry Kang)

The next ITPB meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2012, 1pm-3pm, in YRL 11348. The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 PM.