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CRC Advisory Committee Bylaws

Preamble

Research Computing plays an important and growing role in advancing research across Arts and Sciences, Engineering, Medicine and the Health-related Sciences. At the University of Pittsburgh, the Center for Research Computing (CRC) provides key research computing and data resources; to ensure both that it is meeting current computing needs of faculty, staff and students and is evolving to meet new challenges in knowledge domains and changes in technology, it is important to have a mechanism to solicit structured input in key knowledge domains.

Mission

To gather a broad range of domain experts to advise the directors of the CRC in strategic planning and operational execution. The committee may recommend changes in policies and practices to the Co-Directors, Vice Chancellor for Research Computing and to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Research.

Membership

CRC leadership will coordinate with and solicit inputs from the deans and/or designate to recommend candidates to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Research to represent core user populations in knowledge domains covered by the following areas. (*target 9-11 members*)

    Engineering (2 members to be nominated)
        Bioengineering
        Chemical and Petroleum Engineering
        Electrical and Computer Engineering
        Industrial Engineering
        Mechanical Engineering
    Arts and Sciences (3 members to be nominated)
        Biology
        Chemistry
        Geology
        Humanities
        Mathematics and Statistics
        Physics and Astronomy
        Social Sciences
    Computing and Information Sciences (1 member to be nominated)
    Medicine (2 members to be nominated)
        Biomedical Informatics
        Computational and Systems Biology

Medical Imaging

Precision Medicine

Health Related Sciences (2 members to be nominated)

Dental

Health and Rehab Sciences

Pharmacy

Public Health

The committee may recommend to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Research two additional members from complementary areas. The members may be added to the committee at the discretion of the Senior Vice Chancellor for Research.

Membership will be for 3-year terms with one third of the membership being replaced each year. Except in the initial round, with one third of members holding 1-year term, one third holding 2-year term and one third holding 3-year term. (This sentence may be removed after the first 3-year cycle.) Membership may be renewed.

Assistant Director of the CRC. The Vice Chancellor for Research Computing will recommend to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Research (SVCR) candidates to serve as Assistant Directors (AD) with the goal of pursuing external grants and targeting strategic themes to improve the CRC. The ADs are expected to serve as outreach to the community and to author or co-author one grant per term as AD, which includes support the CRC.

The Assistant Directors will serve on a three-year term, renewable by the SVCR. Except in the initial round, with one AD holding a 1-year term, one AD holding a 2-year term and one AD holding a 3-year term. (This sentence may be removed after the first 3-year cycle.)

Meetings of the Committee

The committee will meet 3 times a year, once each in each academic term: Fall (October), Spring (February), Summer (May).

[The Senior Vice Chancellor for Research will serve as interim committee chair]

The Committee Chair will be appointed by the Senior Vice Chancellor for Research or his designee. The chair shall be responsible for soliciting agenda items from membership and from Co-Directors. Typical matters include evaluating user policies and procedures, evaluating resource usage, identifying emerging priorities and funding opportunities, and promoting the usage of CRC services in research and teaching.

Amendment of these Bylaws

A two thirds majority of the members of the committee may recommend changes in these bylaws to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Research.