

SCSC meeting minutes 2011-05-23

Present: Amedeo, Brian, Thomas, Ashley, Stuart, David, Amber, Imre, Randy, Arno, Rob

ITSC recap - Rob

they completed the review of the service catalogue. Now in Randy's hands. A long process to create Service Level Agreements. It was noted that scientific computing was excluded and needs to be handled by the SCSC. Amber and Randy to suggest how.

The OCIO is wanting to revise the method for authorizing account and data access at SLAC, and Norm Ringgold brought their proposal to the IT SubCouncil meeting on May 18. They've been asked to elaborate at the next ITSC meeting.

Here is the action:

<https://slacspace.slac.stanford.edu/sites/subcouncils/it/Lists/Tasks/DispForm.aspx?ID=21&Source=https%3A%2F%2Fslacspace.slac.stanford.edu%2Fsites%2Fsubcouncils%2Fit%2Fdefault.aspx>

The SCSC has a definite interest in this topic. [and has contacted Norm about it]

Seminars - Arno

The attendance at Susan Holmes' talk was ~50. An attempt was made to record the seminar, but the in-room tools are breaking down. It was suggested we contact John Skinner (KIPAC building manager) and then Sandy Merola to see if Ops would contribute to the maintenance of the auditorium, since is now widely used.

Workshop Prep - Amber

The LOC meets with the session chairs on Thursday to see how they are doing on fleshing out the agenda. We do not have many registrants yet. Tony Johnson added a link to show the list.

https://spreadsheets.google.com/spreadsheet/pub?hl=en_US&hl=en_US&key=0AsiloxuijnodGRNdUppME1oVUpkS2JxcElyVTVJa2c&single=true&gid=2&output=html

Rob pointed out the meeting is not on the SLAC Calendar. Trying to rectify that (first attempt at online registration of the event failed [- now posted]).

We'll also need to consider logistics for the meeting and admin help.

Data Preservation Workshop recap - Amber

This was the fifth meeting of a group of people who are interested in the topic of long term data preservation in HEP as input to an ICFA study group. A roadmap for ICFA is in preparation-and the case for the importance of curation is getting stronger and the issues are better articulated as a few people try out test cases of doing analysis on (for example) old LEP data. Since the last workshop, there has progress in the technical issues shown by BaBar, the HERA experiments and others. CMS, prompted by the requirement that the National Science Foundation is now requiring data management plans has started thinking about formalizing policies and practices needed to curate their data-as they are at the beginning, not the end. There was also a talk about the information gathering exercise on current practices by a HEPAP subpanel prompted by a DOE Office of Science request. There is a similar request from NSF and the reports are due in June.

The meeting talks can be found at : <http://indico.cern.ch/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=116485>

Forum rollout - Imre

The Forum tool is live, but not humming with activity yet. It was suggested that Amber encourage Lance Nakata to start an vendor-list discussion. We need to encourage the forum use somehow! (*Action: Amber Passed on to Lance*)

Licence policy discussion - Richard

We had a case study of how not to manage a licence: while Richard was away in Europe, the Maple site licence came due. There was not much time to figure out the user base, and some fumbling was done to figure it out. In the end we renewed it, hopefully without it lapsing. In any case, we need to see these coming with more warning. And have a process for deciding whether a licence is of general applicability or specific to a small community, who should then pay for it.

This should partially get covered in our planned M&S review in the late summer.

Action: Amber will ask Teri what licences come due in the next three months. *Status: Teri confirms that the licenses that will come due in the next three months (HPSS, AFS and Totalview) are not controversial.*

Miscellany

LCLS may choose their next disk vendor before 5/24. They believe they are not tied to any particular vendor and can expand with other vendors.

Vineet Rawat (AD deputy on SCSC) has moved on to greener pastures as of last week. We will miss him! And, of course, AD needs to nominate a replacement...