 Gregg Madden is Associate Chief Information Officer for Research and joins this meeting to provide updates on university-level high performance computing activities:

- Congratulations to Greg, please see the following note from Neil Sharkey and Michael Kubit:

> "Michael Kubit and I are pleased to announce Greg Madden as Penn State’s inaugural Associate Chief Information Officer for Research, effective today. This newly created position, with dual reporting lines to both the Vice President for Research and the Vice President for Information Technology, is intended to more effectively identify, elevate and address the complex computational and data science needs of all Penn State scholars irrespective of academic domain.

> Greg has done an outstanding job as Senior Advisor for Research Computing and Cyberinfrastructure in the Office of the Vice President for Research since September 2015. His past experience, deep understanding, and steadfast support for the unique needs of our investigators, staff and students make Greg ideally suited to this role. He has already brought tremendous value to our research and IT communities. This new role will afford Greg the opportunity to further advance IT infrastructure for research in new, more extensive and more powerful directions. We are confident he is up to the task and look to the future with anticipation. Please join us in congratulating Greg and wishing him well."

> Sincerely,

> Neil Sharkey, Vice President for Research  
> Michael Kubit, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer

- Greg will work to create an office, staff, and budget that will support research at the level of Central/Senior leadership.

- Internet connectivity and data transport at the university is in great shape, according to Greg. Penn State Globus licenses are available, the specifics of data transfer capabilities, etc., were discussed. Reach out if you need help getting set-up.

- Greg talked about the status of using the Cloud for data and said that there are consultants available at the university to work with you on getting spun up to use the cloud. Working on the cloud can be a more efficient and cost-effective way to work with data than you might think. To get more information: [https://www.cloud.psu.edu/](https://www.cloud.psu.edu/)

**CONCLUSIONS**

1. Faculty: If you need Greg’s help with computing or IT in general, you can contact him at gem19@psu.edu. Do not hesitate to contact Greg with questions.

2. **UPDATES FROM MIKE HILLMAN**
**DISCUSSION**

Mike is chair of the COE research committee:

- Summer is the time when the membership of the committee is updated for the next academic year.
- Mike discussed an ongoing problem he has with his department IT and department head regarding his need for "as needed" administrative rights on his computer and the negative impact this has had on his research. Greg discussed Penn State policy AD-95, which includes addressing access to administrative rights, and noted that there is nothing in AD-95 or its associated standards which precludes anyone from having administrative rights as long as they generally work in "least privilege mode" the vast majority of the time. People are intended to be able to do their job effectively. Mike will contact Jerry to pursue this matter.

**CONCLUSIONS**

- Please let George know if you are interested in chairing this committee.
- An email to the department heads, copied to membership, will be sent in August requesting updated membership information for the next academic year.

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### 3. UPDATES FROM JERRY CIOLKOSZ

**DISCUSSION**

- The Penn State Office of Information Security is leading an initiative to enroll all computers and servers in the Enterprise Active Directory (EAD) service. The deadline for workstation class systems is the end of 2019.
  - Starting this summer and continuing through the fall, the College of Engineering will be migrating to the new Enterprise Active Directory for computer authentication. This will be replacing the use of the PSUENGINEERING and COE_ACCESS Active Directories currently in use on many systems throughout the College of Engineering, resulting in one less account/password to remember. While this might sound like a disruptive change, the net effect will be that instead of using a PSUENGINEERING userid and password, users will login with their Penn State Access account credentials. The full user profiles will be migrated, preserving the mapping of file and print shares as well as desktop configurations. Other than using different credentials, the user experience will not change.
  - College and departmental IT staff have been testing migration tools and are very satisfied with the results. Over 200 systems have already been migrated in the College, without problems.
  - Departmental IT staff will be reaching out to groups of users to schedule convenient times for migration.

**CONCLUSIONS**

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### 4. UPDATES ABOUT OTHER COMMITTEES

**DISCUSSION**

RCCI (Research Computing & Cyberinfrastructure) and RCC Advisory Committee. Greg provided the following updates:

- **RCCI**: for the first time the RCCI Executive Committee has a full slate of six members:
  - Co-chairs: Rick Gilmore and Chris Forest
  - Rob Nicholas
  - Keith Cheng
  - Micah Clark
  - Prasenjit Mitra
  
- In his new role as Assoc. CIO for Research, Greg will need to be less directly involved in the day-to-day administration of RCCI. A meeting is scheduled to discuss upcoming changes with the RCCI Executive Committee.
Minutes by Susie Sherlock, Assistant to the Assoc. Dean for Research.

**ACTION:** Susie will be scheduling the next meeting for September; a doodle poll will be sent in August.