Questions for the Executive Track VPR-CIO Town Hall session

The questions below are intended to spark a discussion about organizational and funding models and best practices for research computing support at the campus level. This discussion, to be moderated by Jim Bottum, and Bruce Maas, will be held during the Tuesday morning Executive Track plenary entitled Internet2 and you as a VPR and a CIO - what should we do as we think about our collective future?. Please come and share your thoughts with your colleagues about these and other important questions during this important session.

1. If you do, how do you interact with your CIO to meet the research cyberinfrastructure needs on your campus? What are your respective roles in that collaboration/relationship?

2. What is the funding model for addressing these needs (if there is one)? Is it mainly central university funds, grant funds, or a mixture of the two?

3. What research computing facilities and services are available to your faculty? How do you balance supporting shared/central services with support for specific project or individual faculty?

4. What would you see as the main challenges in these relationships and funding models?

5. If you do not currently partner with your CIO to provide research cyberinfrastructure, would that be something you would want to do? If so, what are some of the hurdles to overcome in establishing a partnership?

6. Do you partner with other university leadership such as Provosts to provide a research cyber infrastructure for your faculty and students?

7. Do you employ “facilitators” to aid faculty in navigating the research cyberinfrastructure and graduate training at your university?

8. What are some successes your campus can claim in your research infrastructure activities? How were these activities successful?

9. Do you have research computing training and outreach programs on your campus? If so, are these coordinated with other parts of the university?

10. How do faculty provide input to your research cyberinfrastructure activities? Do you conduct surveys, have an advisory board, etc.? Is there a more formal governance structure guiding these activities?