

**Materials linked from the October 21, 2021 Research Council agenda.**

Dear Siva,

Kate MacTavish (Faculty Senate Executive Committee liaison to the Research Council) recommended I contact you directly. One area where OSU IT would really benefit from ongoing advising and engagement is in developing a coordinated approach to advancing the technology investment strategy for our research mission. To that end, I have been consulting with colleagues in IT and academic units to begin framing an advisory group that will shape the priorities for IT investments and funding decisions related to our overall research portfolio. For now, we're referring to the group as the Digital Research Infrastructure Governance Committee. (The name may ultimately be DRI Advisory Group; it's still under development.)

The Research Council brings a unique perspective in that it serves shared governance and also boasts representation across the disciplines/colleges—with all the variety in “research” that our colleagues produce. For that reason, it seems wise to include a member of the Council on this Committee. Would you, as Chair, be able to represent the Council? If not, would you please share this request with the Council and direct interested persons to me?

If a short conversation would help, please suggest a couple of times in the near future that would be convenient for you, and we'll set a meeting. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Best regards,  
Robin