

## CHARGES FOR USING UCF's STOKES

July 1, 2009

We had previously indicated to all users of UCF's HPC, STOKES, that a time would come when the current contract would not be able to provide the funds to sustain STOKES operation and enhancement. As we prepare for that day, in June 2010, we must begin a program of accumulating funds for operations, maintenance, and enhancement. Accordingly, the following steps are being implemented;

1. Beginning September 1, 2009 IST will collect \$.05/compute hour on a monthly basis for faculty based research (i.e., those efforts having a UCF account number).
2. Beginning January 1, 2010 IST will collect \$.10/computer hour on a monthly basis for faculty based research (i.e., those efforts having a UCF account number).
3. Commercial or proprietary research will be billed \$.70/compute hour for system administration and usage.
4. If a research faculty has purchased equipment for STOKES, that faculty member will
  - a. Have the equipment that they have purchased available to them on a first priority basis
  - b. Have the equipment that they have purchased not be subject to the compute hour costs noted above.
  - c. Have the cost of that equipment used to offset the monthly costs of usage noted above.
5. Payment of funds for non-hardware purposes will be used as an offset to the monthly usage costs noted above.
6. In the event that UCF would begin charging for utilities and other infrastructure costs (e.g., web based connections), the above policy will be re-evaluated.
7. If a faculty member does not have funding they may propose usage on an 'as available' basis subject to review and approval by a STOKES research committee representing IST (Chair), Nanoscience, the College of Engineering and Computer Science, and the College of Sciences.
8. Funds collected from usage will be used to provide for system administration, maintenance, and upgrades as determined by a STOKES research committee representing IST (Chair), Nanoscience, the College of Engineering and Computer Science, and the College of Sciences.