

## 3.4.1

### **3.4.1 - The repository shall have short- and long-term business planning processes in place to sustain the repository over time.**

Historically, UC3 has funded its activities as a line item on the CDL budget, augmented with significant income from external granting agencies for specific research and development efforts. In the future, UC3 will be shifting its production services to a partial cost recovery model. In order to provide flexibility to its users, UC3 is investigating both [pay-as-you-go](#) and [paid-up pricing structures](#) for Merritt. While the full analysis is not quite complete, it is likely that Merritt pricing for UC customers will be based primarily on recovering storage costs; other aspects of operational costs will be subsidized from CDL sources, while development activities will be supported through external grants.