

ACUTA 2011 Annual Conference Call for Presenters

Succeeding in the New Reality

April 3 – 6, 2011

Orlando, Florida

ACUTA is looking for ideas and proposals for educational sessions for its Annual Conference that will be held April 3-6, 2011 at the Hilton Bonnet Creek Hotel in Orlando, Florida. We welcome proposals from representatives of higher educational institutions, corporations, and consulting firms. Applicants are not required to be members of ACUTA.

Please submit your application by July 29. Sessions should cover university projects and/or trends in the industry. Presentations should not promote the products or solutions of individual companies.

We urge members and other information communications technology professionals to take advantage of the opportunity to share experiences, innovations, and successes. Offer to speak yourself or suggest a session you would like to attend. Sessions can be lecture with question and answer, an interactive workshop, or a panel of individuals from different institutions.

You might want to suggest a:

- Burning issue or hot topic you'd like to discuss with other members
- Case study about how campuses are adopting technologies
- Exploration of new applications
- In-depth technical analysis
- Lessons learned about technology implementations
- Tutorial to teach members who are newer to ICT higher education
- Review of a financial methodology or business case

The conference theme is "Succeeding in the New Reality." To thrive and survive, it's more important than ever to get advice and knowledge from your peers as you support more applications and devices, explore moving to the cloud, protect your infrastructure from new threats, and leverage limited resources.

This year, the Program/Content Committee is especially interested in proposals that address the following priority areas:

Deployments of IP communications technologies

Unified communications implementations

VoIP implementation case studies

Video conferencing today and tomorrow

IPTV or other Video over IP

Any other IP communications technologies

Network management/IT security

Leveraging Virtualization to the desktop

Protection of secure data (including online payments)

Preventing identity theft

- IP-based surveillance & security systems
- Issues related to film and other digital media on the network
- IPv6 migration
- Delivering high speed networking infrastructure across the campus
- Pro-actively monitoring your network
- DNS SEC – DNS security extensions implementations
- Desktop standardization to simplify support, improve virus protection, and manage software patches
- Large backbones, regional networks & collaborations - lessons learned
- Preparing for a security audit or developing an auditing plan for security

Managing the business of IT/Telecom and operational best practices

- Cloud Computing
- Social networking
- Classroom/ Distance learning technologies
- Funding and supporting researchers
- Call center technologies
- Processes for managing customer problems, knowledge bases
- Preparing for an IT audit
- Balancing needs and resources of different constituencies
- State of the art documentation
- Supporting classroom and teaching AV, computer labs and/or virtual terminals
- Classroom modernization
- Preparing for expectations of tomorrow's students
- What are campuses doing about peer to peer traffic, and/or copyrighted materials on the network - products, policies, education, etc.?
- Operational best practices

Deployments of wireless and/or cellular technologies

- Distributed antenna systems
- WiMax – WiFi
- Next gen 802.11n wireless
- Cellular technologies G3, etc
- Skype, Vonage and other SIP-based products on your network
- What communications technologies do younger users value and use?
- Impact of dual-mode technologies

Managing the infrastructure to support communications technologies

- Green computing – recycling, data center design, power, cooling
- Managing outside or inside plant upgrades
- Coordinating work between facilities, telecom, and other departments
- Managing power protection across the institution
- Managing networked card access systems

Campus case studies demonstrating financial analysis and models

- ROI for VoIP
- ROI for future technologies (classroom, RFID)
- ROI for mobility technologies

ROI for consolidation of voice, data, video and security groups
Funding strategies and models for new technologies
As the “need for speed” increases how are university budget cycles and methods adapting?
With changes in funding sources to support IT, what new types of financial analysis and models are appropriate?

Emergency preparedness or business continuity

Fire alarm systems –networked emergency messaging systems
Emergency technology pro’s and con’s
E911 – how it works in your environment
How mobility products are used in emergency notification
What are the technical tools used on your campus for notification?
What is your campus plan for activating your notification system?

Teaching Conference attendees to be better leaders and communicators

How to present your case to top administration or other departments
How to improve your leadership abilities
How to train and develop your staff
How do you benefit from the organizations to which you belong
How to be a strategic leader

Skills building and/or demonstrations of project management for campus communications technologies

Establishing a PMO
Case Studies

Sessions about legislative and regulatory issues

Updates on FCC action on regulations regarding IP communications, net neutrality, wireless, etc.
Compliance with HIPAA, FERPA, and HEOA regulations

Sessions of special interest to young professionals, data/networking professionals, and representatives of colleges with smaller enrollment will receive particular consideration.

Please download the ACUTA [Speaker Proposal form](#) and submit your proposal via email by July 29, 2010.

Proposals should be sent via email to Donna Hall, ACUTA Manager of Professional Development, at dhall@acuta.org. Please phone Donna at (859) 278-3338 if you have any questions.

We hope you will join us at the 2011 ACUTA Annual Conference.