

Call for Presenters
2011 ACUTA Forum for Strategic Leadership in Information Communications Technology
“Rebalancing IT for the Future”

As a leader in higher education IT, you are invited to consider making a presentation at the Strategic Leadership Forum on April 4 and 5, 2011, in Orlando, Florida. The Leadership Forum will be held in conjunction with the ACUTA Annual Conference, which will take place April 3-6 at the beautiful new Hilton Bonnet Creek.

The theme this year is “Rebalancing IT for the Future.”

The Forum is a fast-paced, interactive program for senior information communications technology leaders in higher education. This year, we are encouraging CIOs to consider bringing a senior IT manager from their institution to the Forum, as a professional development and networking opportunity.

The agenda includes sessions by college and university CIOs and other senior higher education managers, sessions by expert consultants, and group discussion. We are seeking presenters and panelists on the following subjects:

- Is the role of the higher education CIO really “shrinking” as recent articles have suggested, or is it changing and highly relevant?
- How do you balance national visibility vs. local visibility and success? Why is one or both more important today?
- Focusing on the mission of the institution with IT solutions
- Important skills for the successful CIO: leadership, vision, collaboration, ability to “sell” and translate concepts and ideas to management and your customer base, and others
- Focus on IT’s role with the research mission, including such issues as changes in research computing requirements, collaborative opportunities with high performance computing and new regulatory/compliance requirements.
- New lines of business and new funding sources
- New ways of leveraging collaboration with other institutions and with regional, state and national networks to benefit the institution and the community.
- Cloud Computing:
 - The long-term impact of cloud computing on the institution and the IT organization
 - Different models of cloud computing (hybrid, outsourcing, statewide K-16 clouds, etc.) and potential impact on the institution
 - Legal, security and compliance issues unique to cloud computing
- Assessment, including both pedagogical and financial
- The impact of increased mobility on the institution and the IT organization
- Issues around centralized, decentralized and blended models of providing IT services

- Preparing future IT leaders with the skills they will need for maximum impact and relevance to the institution and their careers
- Success stories about collaboration among CIOs and academic leaders and business administrators (consider inviting a business administrator or dean to co-present)
- Leveraging limited resources: efficiencies; potential multi-purpose resources for business, teaching and/or research; and the cultural and staff impact of repurposing/rebalancing in IT
- The impact of globalization on IT
- The impact of increased usage of adjunct faculty, lecture capture, and hybrid bricks/mortar and distant learning

Presenters will be asked to prepare 30-60 minute presentations including extensive Q&A discussion with Forum attendees. Panelists will be asked to prepare 10-15 minutes of comments, followed by discussion and interaction. This is a great opportunity to share successes and learn from peers across the wide spectrum of colleges and universities.

If you will be able to attend the Strategic Leadership Forum and would be interested in serving as a presenter or panelist on one of these subjects, please contact Jeri Semer, ACUTA Executive Director, at jsemer@acuta.org. Please provide your complete contact information and a brief description of your proposed presentation.

Please respond by September 24. If you have any questions, contact Jeri Semer at the e-mail address above or by phone at 859-278-3338, ext. 225.

Finally, even if you cannot participate as a panelist, we hope you will plan to attend the Strategic Leadership Forum. The topic couldn't be more timely, and we guarantee that you will benefit from the transformative ideas and solutions shared at this unique conference. Please watch for more details and registration this fall at www.acuta.org.