

Association of Pacific Rim Universities
Status Report on Information Technology Initiatives
By Don Harris, Chair, IT Standing Committee
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APRU Undergraduate Student Program

Host: National University of Singapore

Date: July 15, 2009

At the invitation of the National University of Singapore three APRU CIOs gave presentations to the students. A lively discussion followed the presentations. Riri Fitri Sari, University of Indonesia, presented on social computing; Tommy Hor, National University of Singapore, gave a talk on management information systems; and Don Harris, University of Oregon, gave an overview of how IT resources were being used to support research at APRU institutions.

CIO Video Conference Session 1 – Grid Computing (17 Institutions, 6 Presentations)

Host: National University of Singapore

Date: October 21/22, 2009

Our first conference focused on a popular topic from our 2nd CIO Forum. Presentations were followed by a discussion period that involved CIOs and faculty. The APRU membership was well represented and the involvement of faculty added to the discussion. Follow-up communication allowed institutions to explore possible partnerships and collaborative relationships.

CIO Video Conference Session 2 – IT Governance (15 Institutions, 3 Presentations)

Host: University of Indonesia

Date: November 19/20, 2009

Although governance models vary among member institutions, there were common themes for how IT leaders could work with institutional leadership. The three presentations gave examples of how IT projects were managed in different environments, and discussion followed to consider how strategic planning and decision making could be more effective given different governance models.

CIO Video Conference Session 3 – IT Security (16 Institutions, 2 Presentations)

Host: University of Southern California

Date: February 9/10, 2010

In this particular conference CIOs were joined by IT security officers and network engineers. Examples of security breaches were given and the group considered how we might better respond to threats to our IT resources and institutional data. Since we are all facing similar IT security issues this discussion will be continued at our next CIO Form.

Upcoming Events

CIO Video Conference Session 4 – IT Disaster Recovery

Host: University of Southern California Date: March 1/2, 2010

APRU Link: <http://www.apru.org/activities/videosessions.htm>

CIO Video Conference Session 5 – Cloud Computing

Host: California Institute of Technology Date: To be determined

APRU Link: <http://www.apru.org/activities/videosessions.htm>

3rd Chief Information Officers Forum

Host: University of Southern California Date: May 24-26, 2010

APRU Link: <http://www.apru.org/activities/cioconference.htm>

1st Educational and Research Technology Forum

Host: University of Southern California Date: May 26-28, 2010

APRU Link: <http://www.apru.org/activities/dliconference.htm>