

# SCSC meeting minutes 2011-04-11

Present: Jacek Becla, Rob Cameron, Richard Dubois, Tony Johnson, Imre Kabai, David MacFarlane, Stuart Marshall, Brian Moritz, Vineet Rawat, Henry van den Bedem.

[Meeting agenda page](#)

## Minutes:

- Richard and David briefly discussed the ALD retreat
  - presented plan and timeline for developing sci. comp. goals
  - Amber discussed funding opportunities
- Rob provided update on ITSC
  - No meeting since since last SCSC meeting
- Imre provided update on FudForum
  - [Production version is up](#)
  - Many issues with governance remain and are under discussion
    - Working with Richard, Rob, Tony, Theresa, Stuart, ...
    - [Forum on governance](#) to discuss issues
- Vineet provided update on seminar series
  - Discussed information provided by Arno [here](#)
  - Kavli auditorium is booked for the first three talks:
    - Tue April 26 4PM: Garth Williams (LCLS Coherent X-ray Imaging)
    - Tue May 17 4PM: TBD, possibly Bill Dally
      - Suggestion of [Susan Holmes](#) (Statistics and Bio-X at Stanford)
    - Tue June 6 4PM: Ralf Kaehler (Cosmology visualization)
  - In need of publicity in the very near future
    - SLAC Today article to announce series
      - kept separate from workshop announcement
    - Posters to announce the first talk
    - Any campus mailing lists that might be useful (and willing)
    - External lists?
      - [PARC Forum](#)
      - [Bay Area ACM](#)
      - [Bay Area IEEE](#)
  - Scientific Computing Seminar Series is the agreed upon name
  - David asked about funding
    - None for refreshments, perhaps we can ask ALDs?
    - We may be able to get travel money for external speakers
      - Suggestion of Salman Habib of Argonne
- Richard led discussion on workshop
  - Set for June 20-21 in ROB
  - Organization
    - Split up as directorates?
    - Organized around common themes? Preferred.
  - Format
    - Jacek proposed very little presentation, more panel-led discussion
      - Panel needs to be carefully chosen and given specific instructions
      - Need topics, moderators, panels
  - People
    - From outside? Probably not.
    - Maybe from campus? Maybe.
  - List of topics:
    - GPU/hybrid/manycore computing
    - Cloud computing
    - Visualization
    - DAQ & controls
    - Storage/IO/networking
      - SSD, xrootd
    - Experimental simulation
    - Data mining
    - Scientific databases
    - Collaborative tools
  - Workshop talks can lead to useful seminar series topics
  - Only ~2 months left
    - People are planning vacation
    - Need to get the word out ASAP
      - SLAC Today article
      - Noted as an event in the [SLAC Today event archive](#)
    - Need to consolidate speaker list (timeframe of 2-3 weeks)
    - Needs website soon (is the Confluence page sufficient?)
  - Clarify purpose and goals
    - What will attendees learn?
  - Should there be external reviewers?

- Steering committee?
  - SCSC + other interested parties (Jacek, Rob, Tony, Henry, Norman and Travis?)
- Imre, Rob brought [Google's exacycle program](#) to everyone's attention

**Actions:**

- Arno on seminar series
  - SLAC Today article (this week, April 11, preferably)
  - Add to [SLAC Today event archive](#)
  - Start poster process (at Terry's earliest convenience)
  - Confirm second speaker
- Richard on workshop
  - ~~Digest and organize suggested topics, seek input via Confluence page~~
  - Advertise
  - Assemble speaker list with help from SCSC members
  - Create web (Confluence?) page for publicity