

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