

Panel

AITP-Sponsored Enhancements to the Information Systems Model Curriculum

Herbert E. Longenecker, Jr.
Panel Co-Chair
University of South Alabama
hlongenecker@usouthal.edu

Paul M. Leidig
Panel Co-Chair
Grand Valley State University
leidig@gvsu.edu

Lynn J. McKell
Brigham Young University
mckell@byu.edu

Han Reichgelt
Georgia Southern University
han@georgiasouthern.edu

Jack Russell
Northwestern State University
jrussell@nsula.edu

Les Waguespack
Bentley College
LWaguespack@bentley.edu

Jeffrey P. Landry
University of South Alabama
jlandry@usouthal.edu

Teresa Wagner
Miami University at Oxford
drtwagner@gmail.com

Bruce A. White
Quinnipiac University
Bruce.White@quinnipiac.edu

PANEL DESCRIPTION

The AITP has had an interest in sponsoring curriculum activities dating back to the beginning of the information systems discipline. Its first model curriculum was released in 1981. AITP sponsored IS'90, IS'97 and IS2002 model curricula. There is no doubt these works had a significant hand in advancing the information systems profession. Recent efforts to revise and update the Model Curriculum beg a broad discussion of how best to ensure a curriculum that ensures continued success of the profession. This panel discusses the concepts of enhancing the performance of student learners through an AITP sponsored set of activities including the formation of a learning community to enhance a "shift in focus from teaching to learning."

While surveys have shown that recent graduates, now members of the IS Industry, feel prepared by the IS2002 skill set, enormous technological changes are taking place and education requirements may be expanding. While the AIS/ACM will deal with related curriculum change issues, we propose to better utilize the existing models through a group participatory assessment process in which significant beneficial sharing of ideas and approaches can take place.

The panel will discuss methods for achieving its recommendations by soliciting participation from all IS faculty, and exploring relationships with other organizations to optimize cross-fertilization of ideas and approaches.