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American Public University System Announces Recent Executive Speaking Forums and Outside Board Appointments

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Industry Leadership Roles Reinforce Ongoing Commitment to Advancing Quality, Accessibility and Affordability in Online Education

CHARLES TOWN, W.Va., Oct 12, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) --

American Public University System (APUS) today announced that senior faculty and executive staff are participating in several upcoming industry conferences and educational organizations focused on the pursuit of excellence in online education. The announcement follows APUS's recent recognition by the Sloan Consortium for an Effective Practice Award.

Ongoing engagement with industry peers supports the university's core mission to provide quality distance learning programs to adult learners, according to President and CEO Dr. Wallace E. Boston. "In order to accomplish this goal, we continually strive to create the most interactive, effective learning environment for our students," he said. "This enables us to effectively meet our students' diverse educational goals by expanding access to affordable, quality education."

Dr. Boston will be joined by APUS Senior VP and Academic Dean Dr. Karan Powell and APUS Director of Course Design Dr. Phil Ice to collaboratively present three concurrent sessions at the upcoming [E-Learn](#) conference, October 18-22 at the Wyndham Orlando Resort in Orlando, Fla. E-Learn provides a forum for government, healthcare, education, and business professionals to discuss the latest research, development, applications, issues, and strategies, to explore new technologies, and to identify solutions for today's challenges related to online learning. The sessions include:

- *"Comprehensive Assessment of Student Retention in Online Learning Environments"*
- *"Optimizing Faculty Workload and Learning Effectiveness"*
- *"The 21st Century University: A Model for Integrating Best Practices in Distributed Learning"*

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To register for or obtain further information on the conference, visit: www.ace.org/conf/elearn/

In related news, APUS also announced the following board appointments for key staff:

- Dr. Karan Powell was named to the board of directors of [Higher Education Resource Services](#) (HERS), an educational non-profit organization providing leadership and management development for women in higher education administration.
- Dr. Phil Ice was named to the [eLSE conference](#) board. eLSE is an international refereed conference created to promote eLearning- related activities.
- Dr. Ice was also named to the 2011 Horizon Report Advisory Board, which provides vision and stimulus to the [Horizon Project, New Media Consortium](#)'s (NMC) annual effort to identify and describe the key emerging technologies that will be influential for teaching, learning, and creative expression in tertiary education.

"We are committed to sharing our best practices and lessons learned with educators across the broad spectrum of academia," added Boston. "More importantly, our participation in education industry events and advisory bodies exposes our senior staff to other approaches in online instruction and improving the educational experience for our students."

About American Public University System

American Public University System, winner of the Sloan Consortium's 2009 Ralph E. Gomory Award for Quality Online Education and a recipient of Sloan's Effective Practice Award in 2009 and 2010, offers 79 online degree programs through its American Public University and American Military University institutions. APUS's relevant curriculum, affordability and flexibility help more than 70,000 working adults worldwide pursue degrees in subjects ranging from homeland security to management and liberal arts. For more information, visit www.apus.edu.

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