

iCaucus Deans meeting minutes
May 28, 2009

Harry Bruce, University of Washington, chaired in John Unsworth's absence

Present:

Michael Seadle, Humboldt, Berlin

Bobby Schnabel, Indiana Informatics

Ramayya Krishnan (prefers to be called Krishnan), Carnegie Mellon

Aimee Dorr, UCLA

Chuanfu Chen (prefers to be called Chou Foo), Wuhan

- I. Research deans meeting, July 7-8, Chicago
 - A. Maeve provided update on logistics.
 - B. Harry asked about agenda items and if deans had any suggestions:
 1. research being done to create measures of research success
 2. Bobby reminded group about an earlier proposal in the health medical informatics area: had discussed submitting a proposal to the CCC for a series of workshops. May be good for the research deans to write a 1-2 page proposal. Carnegie Mellon is also very interested in this.
 3. Also suggested that research should be done on where our Ph.D. grads go. Maryland is hosting an NSF-funded workshop on Ph.D.s in iSchools this week—hoping for some data from that.
- II. Chuanfu Chen discussed international study opportunities:
 - A. Are there opportunities for Wuhan post-docs to study in the U.S. or Europe?
 - B. There are opportunities for iSchools post-docs to come to Wuhan. (in both cases Wuhan can provide funding)
 - C. He has up to 3 assistant and associate professorships available at Wuhan.
 - D. Maeve will work with him to gather information and post to iCaucus website—important for deans to be able to identify research areas of proposed scholars.
 - E. Chuanfu also mentioned that first year master's and doctoral students would like an opportunity to study in the U.S. He has some students studying at various American institutions, but will encourage them to look at iSchools for possibilities. Discussion of application and admissions cycle for those students.
- III. Update on 2010 iConference
 - A. Local organizing committee has been formed—chaired by John Unsworth: working on sponsorship and web streaming at the moment.
 - B. Program committee has been assembled: Howard Rosenbaum (Indiana Informatics) and Karen Fisher (UWashington) are co-chairs.
 - C. JU has relicensed ConfTool software and will work on archiving old data, update the software and prepare for the coming conference.
 - D. Maeve is working on pulling together documentation from this and previous years.
- IV. Michael mentioned that American library educators are Humboldt. They are setting up a listserv for schools that want to take part in an international exchange between US and German library schools. Scott from Syracuse is setting up. Email Michael for more information.
- V. Harry suggested for future meetings:
 - A. A discussion of the process for future caucus chair

- B. Broader discussion of leadership initiatives that iSchools are involved in, particularly at the campus level. Important to share stories about the iSchools showing leadership.
Could be used on web site.
- VI. Aimee suggested that we organize a meeting for the iSchool deans who will be at ALA. Maeve will follow up.