

**iCaucus Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 3, 2009**

Attending:

John Unsworth, Illinois  
Harry Bruce, U Washington  
Maeve Reilly, iSchools  
Barbara Moran, UNC  
David Fenske, Drexel  
Martha E. Pollack, Michigan  
Ron Larsen, Pitt  
Michael Seadle, Humboldt, Berlin  
Liz Liddy, Syracuse  
Ramayya Krishnan, Carnegie Mellon  
Jennifer Preece, Maryland  
Seamus Ross, Toronto  
Jorge Schment, Rutgers  
Aimee Dorr, UCLA  
Harty Mokros, research dean, Rutgers  
Allen Renear, research dean, Illinois

**Agenda items:**

- I. Research deans proposal for junior faculty workshop at iConference—Renear and Mokros  
Presented proposal (see proposal sent 9/3/09). Discussion of proposal.  
  
Suggested research deans revise proposal—use current CFP to solicit proposals; deans encourage junior faculty to submit; papers reviewed; some jr faculty papers selected (see if any common themes); sr faculty encouraged to participate in half-day or day-long event.  
  
Harty Mokros will revise and resubmit to the deans, September 10.
- II. Ongoing support for the communications coordinating position  
Value in position. Needs to be “down the hall” from chair.  
  
Position will move from Illinois to U of Washington when Harry Bruce becomes chair. There may be some overlap between Maeve and new person. Maeve will meet with Harry this month.  
  
\$10,000 discretionary budget for position.
- III. iConference speaker—John Unsworth announced that Stephen Wolfram has agreed to be a plenary speaker – one more to be announced soon.
- IV. ASIS&T mailing  
Is this another attempt at a drive toward accreditation?  
John Unsworth will write a letter on behalf of the iCaucus stating opposition to accreditation, but interested in research in analysis of information programs.
- V. Discussion of iCaucus meeting at iConference—date to be decided. Send agenda items to Maeve.

- VI. 2011 iConference to be held at U Washington, February 8-11 or February 9-12.
- VII. Support of research deans  
Good idea to support deans—enhance visibility of iSchools. Need to define goals for group (submit certain number of collaborative proposals, raise certain amount of research dollars, etc.)
- VIII. Support of academic deans  
Need to also form a group to exchange information. Getting people speaking at every level of the iSchool leverages the group's resources.
- Maeve will provide costs for research deans meeting (see attached). Need to consult with Larry Dennis to see if meeting outside iConference sustainable over time.
- IX. Chair-elect process  
According to charter: "At the end of each calendar year, the coordinator appoints a nominating committee of two iCaucus members who do not wish to stand for election that year. The nominating committee nominates individuals for the open position; election is by majority vote of iCaucus members."
- John Unsworth will solicit nominations. Jenny Preece and Michael Seadle will work as nominating committee. Process to be concluded before Christmas and chair-elect to be known by iConference.
- X. Research opportunities  
NSF China proposal on cross-language information retrieval. John Unsworth will discuss with research deans.