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.