

## iDeans Call, September 24, 2009

### Attending:

John Unsworth, Illinois  
Chuanfu Chen, Wuhan  
Michael Seadle, Humboldt, Berlin  
Jenny Preece, Maryland  
Liz Liddy, Syracuse  
Bobby Schnabel, Indiana Informatics  
Harry Bruce, Washington  
Ramayya Krishnan, Carnegie Mellon  
Andy Dillon, University of Texas-Austin  
Martin Weiss, Pitt  
Harty Mokros, Rutgers,  
Maeve Reilly, iSchools

#### I. iConference update--John and Maeve

- A. Stephen Wolfram (Mathematica and Alpha) and Marti Hearst (Berkeley faculty member, going to work for Obama administration) are scheduled plenary speakers.
- B. Discussion of banquet—local bluegrass band to play during dessert (which will be served outside hall). Cost for banquet: \$50 non-students, \$10 students.
- C. Registration begins October 5.

#### II. Junior faculty mentoring proposal for the conference--Harty Mokros, Rutgers (see "iSchool workshop revised").

- A. Discussion of proposal—workshop to be held concurrently with conference; jr. faculty papers to be selected from those proposed by jr. faculty and chosen as the top papers by reviewers. Research deans will take charge of selecting jr. faculty, identifying common themes, and recruiting senior faculty to serve as mentors. Suggested limiting to 10-12 jr. faculty.
- B. Funding: individual schools will fund UNLESS it's a hardship to do so. Then the iSchools will pitch in.

#### III. Taking research to the next level at the iSchools--Martin Weiss, Pitt (see "iSchool ADR white paper")

- A. Additions suggested for one year goals.
- B. Five-year goals be revised so that they are not specific to U.S. and NSF.
- C. "Threat" should be reworded so it doesn't refer specifically to CS and social sciences—should not define ourselves negatively.

- D. Suggested that a range of funders be invited for a panel discussion at the iConference every year. John will work on figuring that out for this year.

IV. **Cross lingual IR project**—John Unsworth

- A. John had discussed with research deans on recent conference call and gave pointers to NSF group. Near-term funding is available through NSF, with add-on funding to existing grants to add international component. John asked research deans to identify existing projects/grants at their schools.
- B. Deans should encourage research deans to identify projects. Good to have a few schools participating in a coordinated way. If you have such projects, let John know.

V. Other

- A. Dean Chen interested in having iSchools faculty and students at Wuhan. He has also had discussion with two other schools in China that are interested in becoming members of the iSchools. Should put them in contact with Maeve.
- B. Any deans attending the ASIS&T Conference in Vancouver? Set up a meeting there.