

iCaucus Wuhan 2017 Decisions

TITLE: Substitutes in the iCaucus

SUBMITTED BY: Ron Larsen

EXPLANATION: The bylaws state: "In extraordinary circumstances as may be permitted by a 2/3rds vote of the iCaucus, where the Representative of an iCaucus member school is not able to attend meetings, the Chair may permit a designee from such iCaucus member school to attend a meeting and vote on behalf of the iCaucus member school."

RESOLUTION TEXT: The chair has approved accepting the following substitutes as voting members:

- Vivien Petras (Berlin) when Michael Seadle is attending as Exec. Director
- Martin Soucek (Charles University, Prague) elected representative
- Robert Kauffman (Singapore) because Steve Miller cannot attend.

RESULT: Passed unanimously

TITLE: Executive Director

SUBMITTED BY: Ron Larsen and Sam Oh

EXPLANATION: The enabling resolution for the executive director position from the March 2015 meeting stated: "The iSchool organization needs someone who can do fundraising, interact with other organizations, think strategically, and can pick up some of our dropped balls. This person needs to be someone with experience in the iSchool organization, preferably a former dean or someone with similar qualifications and experience." The position was to be a " a two year experiment to be reviewed at the 2017."

At this point it seems clear that the organization needs an executive director to function, and that the budget is too small to fund more than a part time position. Michael Seadle stepped in to keep things running when David Fenske resigned, and is willing to continue doing the job until the organization has matured to where a full time director makes financial and strategic sense.

RESOLUTION TEXT:

- Michael Seadle should be hired as executive director. Compensation should be capped at \$50,000 per year with the understanding that he may take less in salary in order to be able to outsource some tasks whenever useful and appropriate. By law he cannot accept compensation until he is fully retired from Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (presumably in September 2018). He may legally accept travel money.
- His term shall last until the iConference in 2020 in order to coincide with Sam Oh's term as chair.

- The executive director may be terminated earlier by mutual agreement with the chair and executive committee with a three months notice period (shorter under extraordinary circumstances).
- One of the executive director's tasks during this time will be, in cooperation with the chair and the executive committee, to set mechanisms in place to enable an open hiring process for a future executive director, at a time when that is financially and organizationally realistic.

RESULT: Passed unanimously

TITLE: iConsortium terms

SUBMITTED BY: Ron Larsen, Sam Oh, Michael Seadle

EXPLANATION: With the new tiers we need a new rule about the terms for iConsortium representatives to the iCaucus. At present Tier 3 gets 1 representative for every 10 (with rounding up to the next digit) and Tier 4 gets one for every 5 (also with rounding). In the past terms were staggered so that half were re-elected each year. The options are:

1. Vote every year on the full slate of representatives to the iCaucus.
2. Vote every two years on the full slate.
3. Split the current representatives into two groups, one that will continue for two years and one that will be up for a two year term every two years.

We recommend option 2.

RESOLUTION TEXT: iConsortium representatives to the iCaucus should have two year terms and the whole slate of representatives should be elected or re-elected at least 2 months before the relevant iConference.

RESULT: Not voted on.

TITLE Commission on the Publication

RESOLUTION TEXT: A commission of the iCaucus should consider what involvement the iSchools should have with the DeGruyter proposal and with other similar publication proposals including ones involving article and research repositories. The commission should include representation from all regions and from people with conference experience (not necessarily just iConference experience). Volunteers will be solicited via email and the executive committee will select the commission members. The commission may include people with relevant expertise who are not now school heads. They should prepare a report by no later than the end of November 2017.

RESULT: No vote needed

TITLE: iConference commission

EXPLANATION: the following proposal grew out of iCaucus discussions.

RESOLUTION TEXT: A commission of the iCaucus should make recommendations about the purpose & vision, finances, and incentives for the iConference. The commission should include representation from all regions and from people with conference experience (not necessarily just iConference experience). Volunteers will be solicited via email and the executive committee will select the commission members. The commission may consult people with relevant expertise who are not now school heads. They should prepare a report by no later than the end of November, 2017.

RESULT: passed unanimously

TITLE: Commission on Dues and Governance

RESOLUTION TEXT: The iCaucus thanked the commission for providing options. The iCaucus charges the executive committee with gathering data and further analysis of the options to achieve the objectives in the report. There should be preliminary budgets based on options. The Executive Committee should report back with a recommendation via email no later than 1 October 2017 so that a decision can be voted on and a budget prepared by the end of the calendar year.

RESULT: Approved without vote.

TITLE: Commission on Accreditation

RESOLUTION TEXT: The iCaucus thanked the commission for providing options for a light touch. The iCaucus charges the executive committee with considering specifics and reporting back before the next iCaucus meeting.

RESULT: Approved without vote

TITLE Added Value program

The iCaucus supports spending \$5000 for an Inter-association study of added value programs.

RESULT: passed with 1 opposed and 4 abstentions