**iSchool Assembly**

Agenda

Friday, February 2, 2018 9:30 a.m.

Hornbake 0302J

**Attendees:** Lindsay Sarin, Mega Subramaniam, Jasbir Thirara, Jeff Waters, Emily Dacquisto, Amanda Lazar, Christina Hall, David Watson, Paul Jaeger, Kanti Srikantaiah, Ann Weeks, Amarja Desai, Bern Jordan, Ricky Punzalan, Renee Hill, Tamara Clegg, Beth St. Jean, Andrew Fellows, Doug Oard, Katy Lawley, Kathy Weaver, Dave Baugh, Anish Balasubramanian, Susan Campbell, Ursula Gorham, Carol Boston, Lillian Rosen, Fernando Marciano, Susanna Smith, Ron Dadra, Marivel Soria, Eun Kyoung Choe, Ping Wang, Beth Bonsignore, Jenny Preece, Adam Kriesberg, Allan Oliveros, Kari Kraus, Jordan Boyd-Graber, Richard Marciano, David Napier, Yen Un, Hernisa Kacorri, Kibbi Henderson, Kate Vanderheiden, Daisy Mason, David Folman, Mia Hinkle, Vedat Diker, Joohee Choi, Jenny Preece, Susan Winter, Keith Marzullo, Ursula Gorham, Niklas Elmqvist, Yla Tausczik, Brian Butler, Ken Heger

**Call to Order**: Beth St. Jean called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

**Approval of Agenda & Minutes of Previous Meeting**: Approved almost unanimously; one abstention[[1]](#footnote-1).

**Assembly Discussion Items[[2]](#footnote-2)**

**Introductions**

* Vitak introduced us to the new undergraduate staff
* Niklas told us we have a visiting scholar from Denmark, who was not present
* Kate mentioned there were three new people in the TRACE Center

**Dean’s Update – Keith**

* New VP of Research on board for the University. Key initiative – “rationalization” of research centers, i.e. what are they and what do they do? We will need to evaluate our centers in the coming year. Susan is leading the effort.
* All of the classes for the College have instructors. Brian took point. We need to be more proactive next semester.
* There has been some non-faculty hiring. Keith is in the process of looking for a new Chief Development Officer (interview coming up), and an Assistant Dean for Administration and Finance
* Some faculty hiring also underway. Currently 3 candidates are around; more will be coming in February. Please come to meet and greets
* He’s looking for a facilitator to help us with upcoming strategic planning efforts. He’s leaning toward Mitch Owen; Owen did a good job for the College of Agriculture.

**iSchool 2025 – Keith (8-page document emailed to us)**

* Reread 2009 plan; helped him learn a lot about the college.
* Now story needs to be “how are we going to grow?” and how should we administer the College
* Goal in writing the 8-page document to begin to articulate the impact the College could have and how we might grow, e.g.
	+ New methods to support research
	+ How to deal with issues of trustworthy information in an untrusted world
	+ Increase use of algorithms in our lives
* Hopes to identify two areas where the iSchool can have an impact to focus on
* Wants feedback about the document
* Participant Concerns – How to we determine ways to expand our research into new areas but remain true to our mission to provide students with practical skills for the job market? Are we talking to other Colleges to inform our planning process?

**Staffing/Hiring Update- Kibbi**

* Overview of positions underway.
* Be sure students are completing their time cards correctly
* Remember there can be a 4 week lag time between when students begin work and when the first pay check arrives

**Remote Voting – Richard & Ursula (Slides Available)**

* Long, winding discussion about if
	+ We should allow remote voting
	+ Should we allow voting before the discussion is complete?
	+ Who collects & tallies remote voting?
* Assembly voiced willingness to alter the College’s plan of operations to allow this change; will explore ways to do it and steps to take in the coming months
* Voted to add this as another topic to the February 16, APT meeting

**Plan of Organization Update – Ursula (Slides Available; details galore)**

* Getting pressure from the University to give it a draft of updated plan
* Discussion ensued
* General sentiment that it’s silly that staff can’t vote in assembly on some matters
* Assembly getting bigger, might be time to replace an all-hands Assembly with one attended by “elected” representatives of the various elements of the employees (e.g. staff, tenure/tenure track, professional staff, etc.)
* Motion – Develop a proportional representation plan for Assembly (might mean separate meetings for the new Assembly and new faculty or staff meetings). Vote – All yes, except one abstention. Plan update group will look into it.
* Issue of voting on professional track only issues, i.e. only professional track faculty can vote on matters that only affect the professional track. Decided on two-pronged approach for now. Group of professional track faculty will meet to discuss; will discuss at professional track faculty brown bag lunch.

**Thriving Work Place Initiative – Paul & Renee**

* High participation in the College; mostly positive
* Brown bag lunches will continue (Hope to address issues relating to College growth)
* Asked again for input about physical space concerns
* Asked us to keep diversity in mind when considering candidates to hire

**2019 iConference Update – Ursula (Slides with details available)**

* Title – “Inform.include.inspire.”

**Nominating Committee – Beth**

* Paul, Ricky and Renee volunteered to form the next nominating committee.
* Assembly voted unanimously, with one abstention, to accept them as the committee

**Announcements**.

* Lindsay – PCC just approved two new MLIS specializations: Legal Informatics and Intelligence & Analytics
* Jeff – College commencement is Monday May 21 at 4 pm; more details will come
* Jeff – There will be more information coming about admissions
* Anish – March 3 there will be a MIMSA event; more information will come via email
* Katy – Invited faculty to join the Ph.D. group today at 3 pm to help with the Ph.D. student admissions.
* The next APT meeting will be Friday, February 16 at 1:00

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 am.

1. Jenny Preece informed us she would abstain on every vote because she was not going to be here next academic year. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Difficult to hear in the room; discussions went quickly. Made the best effort to capture highlights. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)