

# Minutes for iSchool Assembly Friday, October 5, 2018 - 9:30 a.m. McKeldin Library Room 6137

## Preliminaries

- Call to order at 9:30am - Quorum met
- Review and approval of minutes from September 7:
  - Renee motions to approve
  - Vedat Diker seconds the motion
- Review and approval of this agenda
  - Paul moves to approve
  - Doug Oard seconds the motion
- Introduction of student reps

## Assembly Items

- Dean's Update [Keith]
  - Introduction of a few new people not present at the last Assembly
  - Announced Daisy has been promoted to college operations specialist
  - Dean group has been negotiating with provost - presented financial models to support need for new resources to grow. Results are: hiring few new staff (facilities manager, more undergraduate advisors), approved to seek new faculty hires (search committees - 4 lines have been approved (at least half for Journalism), 1 for Youth Experience, 1 for Information retrieval, 1 for cybersecurity. (approached by other campus depts but no decision has been made on those). 25% geography appointment will join in January.
  - Introduction of a few new people joining Assembly
- Plan of Organization - Discussion re: Voting Membership of Assembly [Ursula]
  - Slide advanced to Article VII
  - Addressing of college assembly membership and voting
    - Slide advanced to Options slide
    - Discussion of vote by individual or vote from a representative.
      - Options A,B,C,D presented
        - Discussion of how and why adjuncts make having quorum difficult due to participation in College Assembly. Suggestion of possibility to encourage quorum from incentives structures for participation.
        - Point raised about raising the denominator risk, and does this put more burden on those split across departments.
        - Point noted about negative possible behavior of visiting only on days the vote matters to them.
        - Point raised how are Staff included (these are included as voting rights in the draft) - this discussion only needed on part time.
        - This conversation is how do we write MOU with different part time appointments on expectations of Assembly participation and voting rights.

- APT quorum voting is being separately reviewed at University level.

Ursula Moves to Vote on Option C

Bill Kules seconds to motion

Vote unanimous approval of Option C - no abstain - no ney by hand vote

- Quorum is met.

- MLIS Accreditation Update [Paul]
  - Slide advanced to MLIS Accreditation Update
    - ~800 undergrads
    - ~400 grad students
      - MLIS is 2/3rds of this count
  - Need accreditation to remain in the top 10 iSchool due to not having departments else we wouldn't be an iSchool at that level
    - All need to respond to info from Paul for accreditation
      - Faculty, Staff, etc will have asks
      - What you do, key conferences, etc will be asked over the next few months to write a series of reports.
      - Focus groups for employers of students will be needed
      - Culmination of Spring 2020 visit for committee review
      - Nancey Rhodes will be reaching out as well
      - Next report deadlines 2 in december and 1 in February (expect more January and February for asks - all need to participate asap) - There are financial penalties for every day the submissions are delayed.
      - Focus on MLIS program, but since not a departmental org, all are possible MLIS faculty, but the courses for MLIS will be focus. Looking at balance of resources for students and where they are matched.
    - What are the consequences of not being reaccredited?
      - 50 years of being accredited - not look good on brand and hireability of students. Rankings would go down as not top 10 iSchool.
      - Accreditation process can help make the argument for resources to do the work the school does including talk with Provost.
- iConference 2019 Sponsorships [Dan]
  - Slide advanced to iConference 2019 Sponsorships
    - Ask for help in thinking about relationships with companies (class talks, alumni hires, etc) - provide lead contacts and enable them to have access to different tiers of sponsorship. Lowest level exhibit level at the conference. Not limited to private sector, NGO and others are great to suggest.
      - Examples of past sponsors: Google Microsoft Ebsco, publishing companies Elsevier, other iSchools
      - What are the fundraising goals? - tentatively ~\$25,000 to break even
        - When do we start advertising for iConference? - Registration

will open soon. There is a sponsorship page on the iConference website.

- Announcements
  - Slide advance to announcements
    - Lunch at 12:45 olive garden - Hornbake North
    - Doug Oard Announcement - future of computing committee at iSchool and UMD (iSchool and Comp Sci). Outcomes of this, not pursuing merger. Both reasons driving this have been solved.
      - The committee is now putting forth a report (still not formalized, but anticipating report to provost this semester) about at a campus level cooperation for Data Science programs. In the next months we will discuss the details on how this cooperation might work and how it could benefit the iSchool. Academy might provide guidance of how students who choose and switch CS and iSchool programs.
      - CS is now a cap to enrollment to students, we can assume that iSchool might be impacted with higher enrollment.
    - Dan Christopher - First alumni network event Tuesday Oct 30th - encourages Faculty and Staff to come to Alumni events.
    - Jeff Water - Commencement is Dec 19th at 12:00 - more details to come via email.

Doug Oard moves to adjourn

Gregg Vanderheiden seconded the Adjournment

**Adjournment**

**APT Meeting to immediately follow at 10:45 AM (must start then for APT charge)**