IC Task Force Meeting Minutes
Fall 2015
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
September 4, 2015
Room CBA 204

Present: Josh Arnold, Risto Moisio, Rod Smith, Chanwit Phengpis
Absent: Lori Brown
Ex Officio: Robert Chi, Associate Dean
Recording Secretary: Nathan Chu

Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM

1. Rod Smith is elected as chair of ICTF

2. M/S/P Approval of minutes for the April 24 meeting

3. Discussion about possibly letting departments rank journals in their fields as opposed to the ICTF.
   - Risto and Chanwit voiced concerns about departments potentially inflating the rankings of their journals
   - Who would rank inter-disciplinary journals?
   - If departments are allowed to rank their own journals, then there’s a risk of backroom politics. If there was one standard applied to all departments, then the individual departments might bring up complaints against said standard.

4. Discussion of 2015 AACSB Ratios: Many departments fall short of the ratio requirements set by AACSB. While the numbers aren’t fabulous, new hires should help push up those numbers up over the next few years.

5. H and g index discussion: issues with Google Scholar could delay this process for a few weeks. Comparisons between old h and g indices and new h and g indices won’t be valid because they cover different years. As a result, new h and g indices will be recorded based on the entire lifetime of journals as opposed to the last five years.

6. Recap of the Faculty Council Meeting: The Faculty Council voted to decommission the ICTF after one more semester.
   - Reason 1: The ICTF has been around for so long that it should be a committee instead of a task force.
   - Reason 2: They weren’t sure what was the purpose, objectives, impact, etc. of the ICTF.
   - Reason 3: They proposed having a system being implemented that would automatically rank journals without the ICTF convening to do the job manually.
   - AD Chi proposed a preliminary system where there were certain levels and cutoffs where journals would be considered Elite, HQ (+), HQ, Quality, or Support based on a combination of impact factor and h and g indices.
There were concerns over ranking journals based purely on quantitative factors. It was agreed that a mix of qualitative and quantitative factors would be best. Rod mentioned that there might be journals that are very prestigious within their field but not necessarily well known outside of it.

Perhaps trimming down the journal list to only the most important ones while evaluating new journals on a case by case basis.

7. M/S/P the committee requests AD Chi to report the Faculty Council to extend the lifespan of the ICTF.

8. Meeting tentatively set up in October 16 where ICTF members can propose and discuss new journal ranking systems.

Meeting adjourned at 3:19 PM

These minutes have not been approved.