

To: UTC
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This document provides a summary of the UC Berkeley Script Encoding Initiative's recent activities.

Proposals/documents

Proposals or documents currently submitted to the UTC (or WG2) that have involved SEI include:

- **Yezidi**
 - Preliminary proposal for encoding the Yezidi script ([L2/18-238](#)) (Karaca et al.)
- **Reports and Feedback**
 - Recommendations to UTC #156 (L2/18-241) (Anderson et al.)
 - Feedback on *pushpika* ([L2/18-232](#)) (Anderson)
 - Feedback on LATIN LETTER THORN WITH DIAGONAL STROKE (L2/18-242)
 - Brief Report from London meeting of Egyptologists, June 2018 ([L2/18-237](#)) (Anderson)
 - WG2
 - Brief IR Report from WG2 Meeting #67 (L2/18-240) (Anderson)
 - Khitan Small Script Ad Hoc Report (London) ([L2/18-213](#)) (Anderson)
 - Emoji Ad Hoc Report (London, UK) (N[5003](#)) (Anderson)
 - Comments on WG2 #67 (June 2018) documents ([L2/18-210](#) =N[4977](#)) (Anderson et al.)

On the following proposals, Anderson acted as a supervisor (with Rick McGowan), with funding provided by the Unicode Adopt-a-Character program:

- Proposal to encode the Chorasmian script in Unicode ([L2/18-164r2](#)) (Pandey)

Script Proposals in Progress

The following scripts have received SEI support in the past and are either in a preliminary stage, or are almost ready for approval, but require more information. The asterisk (*) before a script indicates that a 2018 proposal has been written and submitted to the UTC.

- **Afáka** (Everson) [N4292=L2/12-228]
- **Bagam** (Everson) [N4293=L2/12-229]
- **Balti 'A' and 'B'** (Pandey) [N3842=L2/10-231, N4016=L2/11-103]
- **Bhujinmol** (Pandey) [L2/14-283]
- **Book Pahlavi** (Everson, Pournader, Durkin-Meisternernst) [N3294=L2/07-234] [*later proposal by Pournader L2/13-141*] (*Future proposal planned by A. Pandey*)
- **Coorgi-Cox** (Pandey) [N4287=L2/12-217]
- **Cypro-Minoan** (Everson) [N4733=L2/16-179]
- **Dhimal** (Pandey) [N4140=L2/11-348]
- **Eebee Hmong** (Everson) [N4668=L2/15-180]
- * **Egyptian Hieroglyphs (additions)** (Suignard) [N4944=L2/18-165]
- **Eskaya** (Pandey) [N4499=L2/13-229]

- **Garay** (Everson) [L2/16-069]
- **Jenticha** (Pandey) [N4028=L2/11-218]
- **Kawi** (Pandey) [N4266=L2/12-125]
- **Khambu Rai** (Pandey) [N4018=L2/11-105]
- **Khema Tamu Phri** [Gurung] (Pandey) [N4019=L2/11-106]
- **Kirat Rai** (Pandey) [N4037=L2/11-145]
- **Kpelle** (Everson and Riley) [N3762=L2/10-063]
- **Kulitan** (Pandey) [L2/15-232]
- **Landa** (Pandey) [N3768=L2/10-013]
- **Magar Akkha** (Pandey) [N4036=L2/11-144]
- * **Mayan** (Pallán) [L2/18-040]
- **Mwangwego** (Everson) [N4323=L2/12-311]
- * **Old Uyghur** (Pandey) [L2/18-126]
- **Palaeohispanic** (Joan Ferrer et al.) [L2/17-129]
- * **Pallava** (Pandey) [L2/18-083]
- **Pau Cin Hau Syllabary** (Pandey) [L2/16-014]
- **Pyu** (Pandey) [N3874=L2/10-295]
- **Ranjana** (Everson) [N3649=L2/0-192] (cf. Pandey [L2/16-015])
- * **Rejang Numbers** (Pandey) [L2/18-081]
- * **Sirmauri** (Pandey) [L2/18-085]
- **Siyaq** (Pandey): Persian [L2/15-122], Diwani [L2/15-066] (cf. [L2/15-340])
- **Tangsa (Khimhun)** (Pandey) [N4497=L2/13-230]
- **Tangsa (Mossang)** (Pandey) [N4496=L2/13-231]
- **Tani Lipi** (Pandey) [N3823=L2/10-146]
- **Tikamuli** (Pandey) [N3963=L2/10-465]
- **Tolong Siki** (Pandey) [N3811=L2/10-106]
- **Western Cham** (Everson/Cunningham) [WG2 N4734=L2/16-198]
- **Woleai** (Everson) [N4146=L2/11-362]
- **Zou** (Pandey) [N3864=L2/10-254]

Meetings

A number of proposals have been in a holding-pattern, so face-to-face meetings have been held with Unicode experts and specialists to help progress the proposals. The following scripts were discussed at recent meetings:

- Palaeohispanic (meeting held at UC Berkeley on 17 July 2018)
- Egyptian hieroglyphs (meeting held at University College London on 14-15 June 2018, see meeting report, [L2/18-237](#))

Meetings on Cypro-Minoan and Arabic are being planned.¹

Carlos Pallán and Deborah Anderson showcased the current state of work on Mayan hieroglyphs (which will lead to a full Unicode proposal) at a [conference](#) held in Mexico City from 26-29 June 2018. Meetings

¹ As noted in the earlier SEI liaison report ([L2/18-169](#)), Proto-Cuneiform and Proto-Elamite were discussed at UC Berkeley on April 17, 2018.

were also held in Mexico City with current and future collaborators on the project. Additional documents on Mayan hieroglyphs that will lead to a Unicode proposal are expected later in 2018.

In 2015, [a grant](#) was made to the Unicode Consortium from the Henry Luce Foundation to support meetings on issues relating to specific scripts of China and Mongolia, with Deborah Anderson as project lead. In 2015, she organized and participated in a [meeting](#) on the Soyombo and Zanabazar Square scripts in Tokyo, and in 2016 a meeting was held in Yinchuan, China, on the Khitan scripts (and reported in two ad hoc reports, WG2 [N4736](#) and [N4737](#)). A meeting on Mongolian issues took place in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, on September 23-25, 2017, with the outcome recorded in the ad hoc report [L2/17-347](#). A second meeting on Mongolian was held in San Jose from April 3-5, 2018, with support from the Luce Foundation. The results of the meeting are documented in the meeting report [L2/18-108](#). A future meeting on Mongolian is being planned for April or May 2019, tentatively planned to be held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

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