To: UTC
From: Deborah Anderson, Script Encoding Initiative, UC Berkeley
Title: SEI Liaison Report
Date: Sept. 14, 2018

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:

- **Palaeohispanic**
  - Proposal to encode the Palaeohispanic script (L2/18-283) (Ferrer et al.)
- **Yezidi**
  - Preliminary proposal for encoding the Yezidi script (L2/18-284) (revised) (Karaca et al.)
- **Reports and Feedback**
  - Recommendations to UTC #157 (L2/18-300) (Anderson et al.)
  - Error in three Wancho character names (L2/18-264) (Anderson)
  - Further information on Khitan Small Script clusters (L2/18-285) (Anderson)

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 Book Pahlavi script in Unicode (L2/18-276) (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]*
- **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]*
- ** **Pallava** (Pandey) *[L2/18-083]*
- **Pau Cin Hau Syllabary** (Pandey) *[L2/16-014]*
- **Proto-Cuneiform** (Everson) *[L2/17-157]*
- **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]*

SEI Proposals in California Digital Library
Script proposals from 2015-2017 that received SEI support and were approved by the UTC are now archived in the California Digital Library. The CDL provides an additional way to locate proposals; the documents have associated metadata that will help proposals be found. The URL is: https://escholarship.org/uc/bling_script_proposals Script and character proposals going back to 2002 will be added later in the year.

Meetings
A number of proposals have been in a holding-pattern, so face-to-face meetings are planned with Unicode experts and specialists to help progress the proposals. In September, Deborah Anderson helped arrange a meeting on Tai Tham. For 2019, meetings on Cypro-Minoan and Arabic are being planned.

In 2015, Henry Luce Foundation made a multi-year grant to the Unicode Consortium to support meetings on issues relating to specific scripts of China and Mongolia, with Deborah Anderson as project lead. Meetings have included: a 2015 meeting on the Soyombo and Zanabazar Square scripts (Tokyo, see meeting report L2/15-249R); a 2016 meeting on the Khitan scripts (Yinchuan, China, see WG2 N4736 and N4737); meetings on Mongolian issues in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, in Sept. 2017 (see the ad hoc report L2/17-347) and San Jose, CA in April 2018 (see the meeting report L2/18-108). A future meeting on Mongolian is being planned for April 3-5, 2019, in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Grant Support
Work on unencoded scripts has been funded primarily by donors and the National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation and Access grant (under the name Universal Scripts Project). The NEH grant, PR-253360-17 will fund work in 2017-2019. In addition, the Adopt-a-Character program has funded work in 2018 on proposals for Persian Siyaq and Book Pahlavi which the SEI Project Leader has been (and will be) involved in.