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L2/20-127

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 that have involved SEI include:

- **Egyptian Hieroglyphs**
 - Revised draft for the encoding of an extended Egyptian Hieroglyphs repertoire, all Groups (A to Z and AA) (with appendix database as PDF) ([L2/20-068](#)) (Suignard)
- **Latin**
 - Expansion of the extIPA and VoQS ([L2/20-116](#)) (Miller and Ball)
- **Old Uyghur**
 - Revised proposal to encode Old Uyghur in Unicode (rev. 2020-02-16) ([L2/20-003R](#)) (Pandey)
- **Tangsa**
 - Preliminary Proposal to add the Tangsa Script in the SMP of the UCS (L2/20-XXX) (Morey)
- **Reports and Feedback:**
 - Summary of email discussion on Gurmukhi BINDI (Anderson) ([L2/20-076](#))
 - Comments on L2/20-061R Final Proposal to encode Western Cham in the UCS ([L2/20-122](#))(Anderson)
 - Summary of Zoom Meeting on Egyptian Hieroglyphs (April 8, 2020) ([L2/20-123](#)) (Anderson)
 - Comparison of Quikscript vs. Shavian (Anderson) ([L2/20-090](#))
 - Report on progress with African scripts in Unicode and their implementations ([L2/20-067](#)) (Riley)
 - Notes on informal meeting on Mongolian with Chuck Namujila ([MWG/4-N8](#)) (Anderson)
 - Recommendations to UTC #163 ([L2/20-105](#)) (Anderson et al.)

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.

- **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](#)]
- **Bété** (Rovenchak) [[L2/19-044](#), *proposal* [L2/17-323](#)]
- **Bhujinmol** (Pandey) [[L2/14-283](#)]
- **Book Pahlavi** (Pandey) [[L2/18-276](#)]
- **Coorgi-Cox** (Pandey) [[N4287=L2/12-217](#)]
- **Cypro-Minoan** (Everson/Anderson) [*report* [L2/19-166](#)]
- **Dhimal** (Pandey) [[N4140=L2/11-348](#)]
- **Eebee Hmong** (Everson) [[N4668=L2/15-180](#)]
- **Eskaya** (Pandey) [[N4499=L2/13-229](#)]

- **Garay** (Everson/ Rovenchak) [L2/19-162, L2/19-163, *proposal N4709*]
- **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 Hieroglyphs** (Pallan) [L2/19-171, *proposal L2/18-038*]
- **Mwangwego** (Everson) [N4323=L2/12-311]
- **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])
- **Proto-Cuneiform** (Everson) [N4797=L2/17-157]
- **Rejang Numbers** (Pandey) [L2/18-081]
- **Sidetic** (Pandey) [L2/19-106]
- **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]
- **Tani Lipi** (Pandey) [N3823=L2/10-146]
- **Tikamuli** (Pandey) [N3963=L2/10-465]
- **Tolong Siki** (Pandey) [N3811=L2/10-106]
- **Woleai** (Everson) [N4146=L2/11-362]
- **Zou** (Pandey) [N3864=L2/10-254]

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In addition to NEH support, the Unicode Adopt-a-Character program has also funded work in 2018-2020 on proposals for Book Pahlavi, Persian Siyaq, Old Uyghur, and Mayan. The SEI Project Leader assists in overseeing work on these proposals.

Other SEI-Related Activities

SEI is supporting ongoing work by Carlos Pallán in identifying Mayan characters and quadrats from Classic period monuments for 2020-2021, with funding from a Google Research grant. Research into Classic period materials is required for a comprehensive Mayan script proposal. (Note: Additional support for Mayan is being provided by the Unicode Adopt-a-Character program and a separate NEH grant awarded to the Unicode Consortium.)

Proposals for Cypro-Minoan is expected in 2020, as well as a preliminary proposal for Proto-Elamite. A Unicode Technical Note on medieval Latin characters (and how to represent them in Unicode) will be submitted in 2020.