GSLIS FACULTY MEETING
Faculty Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Present: Cindy Ashwill, Alistair Black, Cathy Blake, Jana Diesner, Stephen Downie, Dave Dubin, Miles Efron, Jon Gant, Les Gasser, Erik Hege, Christine Jenkins, Lori Kendall, Kathryn LaBarre, John MacMullen, Bonnie Mak, Jerry McDonough, Kate McDowell, Rae-Anne Montague, Carole Palmer, Allen Renear, Dan Schiller, Linda Smith, Carol Tilley, Vetle Torvik, Mike Twidale, John Unsworth, Terry Weech, Kate Williams; student representative: Jessica Lapinsky, Ben Rodriguez (virtually), Brittany Smith; guests: Amani Ayad, Sharon Irish, Larry Jackson, Sue Searing, Deborah Stevenson, Scott Walter, Martin Wolske

Dean Unsworth called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The December 7, 2011 faculty meeting minutes were approved as written.

II. DEAN’S REPORT
a. Welcome: Jana Diesner – Assistant Professor Jana Diesner was welcomed to GSLIS.
b. Remaining faculty meeting dates for AY 2011-2012: 3/7/12, 4/4/12 (1:00-4:00 p.m.), 5/2/12 – as noted. All meetings will be held from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Room 131 LISB unless otherwise stated.
c. Spring Windsor Lecture: Clifford Lynch, April 17, 2012, 4:00 p.m., Room 126 LISB – as noted.
d. Convocation speaker: Clifford Haka (MS ’77), Director of Michigan State University Libraries – as noted.
e. Annual meeting with Provost and Chancellor – This meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, May 15, 2012 (3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. is with the Executive Committee and 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. is with core faculty and senior staff.
f. General announcements – Faculty were asked to email their Spring office hours to Sally Eakin by Friday, February 3, 2012.

III. ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT DEANS REPORTS
a. Stephen Downie – Jen Anderson is the IT liaison for Research Services. Faculty were asked to contact her early in the grant-writing process for equipment needs.
b. Linda Smith – The Committee on Accreditation of the American Library Association voted to grant continued accreditation status to the program leading to the degree of Master of Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dean Unsworth thanked Linda for her hard work during the process.
c. Cindy Ashwill – The Communications team will revisit the core faculty and doctoral student profile web pages to enhance the content and improve its presentation.
d. Erik Hege – Mass migration to Unified Communications will not occur until after the semester ends.
e. Rae-Anne Montague – Demand for Alternative Spring Break is up this year and placements are being finalized by Roy Brooks.
f. Diana Stroud – not present; pre-reported
IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS
   a. Masters students (Ben Rodriguez) – nothing to report
   b. CAS students (Jessica Lapinsky) – nothing to report
   c. PhD students (Brittany Smith) – nothing to report

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
   a. Admissions Committee (Jon Gant) – GSLIS will participate in a campus-wide event in partnership with the Graduate College to enhance the recruitment and retention of students from underrepresented groups. Visiting students will have an opportunity to meet with faculty, staff, and current graduate students to learn about research, departmental practices, and campus climate.
   b. Curriculum Committee (Mike Twidale) – Faculty were asked to contact Kathryn LaBarre or Meg Edwards with specific issues and/or readings addressed in their courses dealing with diversity.
   c. Doctoral Studies Committee (Les Gasser) – Faculty were reminded to submit notification of intent to take the field exam by February 10, 2012 and that Ph.D. student annual review reports are due by April 30, 2012.

VI. OLD BUSINESS
   a. Diversity Task Force update (Ben Rodriguez & Sharon Irish) – Diversity Task Force meetings are open to the GSLIS community and all were encouraged to attend. Additional information can be found on the Moodle site at https://courses.lis.illinois.edu/course/view.php?id=1544
   b. Informatics major update (John Unsworth) – The Working Group on Undergraduate Informatics Education has completed their report and Dean Unsworth will submit a response after it is reviewed by the core faculty.

VII. NEW BUSINESS
   a. Proposal to revise LIS 451 (Mike Twidale) – The proposed structural revision to the LIS 451 was voted on and approved. A copy of the Course Revision Form is on file with these minutes.
   b. New course number proposal for LIS 585 (Terry Weech) – The new course proposal for LIS 585, International Issues in Librarianship, was voted on and approved. A copy of the New Course Outline is on file with these minutes.
   c. Graduate minor in Global Studies (Linda Smith) – The proposal to endorse a Graduate Minor in Global Studies was voted on and approved. Faculty were asked to contact Linda Smith with courses that would be appropriate to meet the requirements of the minor. A copy of the proposal is on file with these minutes.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
   The regular meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. and the Executive Session began at 2:52 p.m., concluding at 4:00 p.m.

Recorded by Christine Hopper