Present: Cindy Ashwill, Masooda Bashir, Alistair Black, Cathy Blake, Maria Bonn, Nicole Cooke, Peter Darch, Jana Diesner, Stephen Downie, Dave Dubin, Jon Gant, Les Gasser, Erik Hege, Liz Hoiem, Lori Kendall, Emily Knox, Rachel Magee, Jerry McDonough, Kate McDowell, Allen Renear, Linda Smith, Diana Stroud, Carol Tilley, Vetle Torvik, Mike Twidale, Terry Weech; student representatives: Maura Healy, Beth Strickland, Kristina Williams; guests: Ian Brooks, Clara Chu, Lisa Hinchliffe, Susan Lafferty, Deborah Stevenson, Dan Tracy, Vicki Van Uithoven

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

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
The December 9, 2015 faculty meeting minutes were approved as written.

II. DEAN’S REPORT
a. Remaining faculty meeting dates for AY 15-16: 3/16/16, 4/20/16 (1:00-4:00 p.m.), and 5/11/16 – as noted.
b. Gryphon Lecture: Denise Agosto, Friday, March 11, 2016, 7:00 p.m. – as noted.
c. Windsor Lecture: William H. Dutton, Monday, March 14, 2016, 4:00 p.m. – as noted.
d. Inaugural Taylor Willingham Lecture in Change Management: Betty Sue Flowers, March 29, 2016, 4:00 p.m. – as noted.
e. GSLIS Academic Program Review: April 3-5, 2016 – as noted.
f. GSLIS Convocation: Sunday, May 15, 2016, 9:30 a.m., Smith Memorial Hall – as noted.
g. Otlet Lecture suggestions – Faculty were asked to send suggestions for the Otlet Lecture to Dean Renear.

III. ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT DEANS’ REPORTS
a. Associate Dean for Academic Programs (Linda Smith) - GSLIS is taking part in the Academic Program review process (http://provost.illinois.edu/programreview/index.html) April 3-5, 2016. A self-assessment is being prepared for submission to the team of external reviewers who will make a site visit and then prepare a report for submission to GSLIS and the Provost.
b. Associate Dean for Research (Stephen Downie) - Research Services has been working with Student Affairs, the Doctoral Studies Committee, faculty and staff to identify student support needs and opportunities.
c. Assistant Dean for Advancement (Diana Stroud) – The Library School Alumni Association (LSAA) is seeking nominations for three distinguished awards that are given annually at the GSLIS alumni reception held at the American Library Association conference.
d. Assistant Dean for Communications (Cindy Ashwill) – Communications staff have completed an MS/IM recruitment booklet, an MS/IM poster for on-campus distribution, and created advertisements for the MS/IM.
e. Assistant Dean for Infrastructure (Erik Hege) – GSLIS IT is undergoing an audit by the University which includes ensuring that we have adequate security and documentation in place and that we are meeting industry best practices.
f. Assistant Dean for Student Affairs (Kate McDowell) – GSLIS will host the Community of Scholars visit on March 7, 2016 and its first admitted student visit day for the LIS program on March 18, 2016. The 2016 Master’s Student Spring Showcase will be held on April 7, 2016.
IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS
   a. MS students (Maura Healy and Kristina Williams) – MS student representatives have
      made efforts to introduce themselves to both current and new students and plan to hold
      more “office hour” events this semester.
   b. PhD students (Beth Strickland) – PhD students will be meeting with Dean Renear on
      March 1, 2016 and will participate in the MS “office hour” events this spring.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
   a. Admissions Committee (Jon Gant) – The Admissions Committee provided admission
      statistics and application numbers as of February 3, 2016. Copies are on file with these
      minutes.
   b. Curriculum Committee (Mike Twidale) – The Curriculum Committee explored various
      issues of scheduling our required courses, which will involve greater levels of advance
      schedule planning and coordination.
   c. Diversity Committee (Dave Dubin) – Faculty were encouraged to contact members of the
      Diversity Committee with any questions about the diversity training from the January
      2016 faculty retreat.
   d. Doctoral Studies Committee (Lori Kendall) – The Doctoral Studies Committee received
      57 complete applications (one of which was later withdrawn) and offers were made to 12
      students.

VI. OLD BUSINESS
   a. Update on MS in Information Management (MS/IM) – Applications are currently being
      accepted for fall 2016 admission. The first virtual information session was held on
      February 9, 2016 and a second one is scheduled for March 10, 2016. A proposal for a
      “4+1” program with the College of Media is currently being developed.
   b. Research areas on GSLIS website – Faculty reviewed the updated research areas on the
      staging server of the GSLIS website and were asked to send feedback to Les Gasser or
      Susan Lafferty.

VII. NEW BUSINESS
   a. Course revision proposal for LIS 452 – Twenty-one faculty approved and one abstained
      to forward to the Graduate College a request to change the title and description of LIS
      452. A copy of the proposal is on file with these minutes.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
   The regular meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m. and the Executive Session began at 3:19 p.m.,
   concluding at 4:36 p.m.

Recorded by Christine Hopper