GSLIS FACULTY MEETING
Faculty Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2015

Present: Masooda Bashir, Cathy Blake, Maria Bonn, Nicole Cooke, Jana Diesner, Stephen Downie, Dave Dubin, Miles Efron, Jon Gant, Erik Hege, Liz Hoiem, Christine Jenkins, Lori Kendall, Emily Knox, Kathryn La Barre, Bertram Ludaescher, Bonnie Mak, Jerry McDonough, Kate McDowell, Allen Renear, Linda Smith, Victoria Stodden, Carol Tilley, Vetle Torvik, Mike Twidale, Terry Weech; student representatives: Paige Cunningham, Nicole Helregel, Madison Sullivan; guests: Ian Brooks, Christy Glaze, Brant Houston, Susan Lafferty, Deborah Stevenson, Dan Tracy

Dean Allen Renear called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
The December 10, 2014 faculty meeting minutes were approved as written.

II. DEAN’S REPORT
a. Remaining faculty meeting dates for AY 14-15: 3/18/15, 4/15/15 (1:00-4:00 p.m.), and 5/13/15 – as noted.
c. Spring Windsor Lecture: Jack Bernard, attorney and lecturer at the University of Michigan, on April 28, 2015 – as noted.
d. New degree proposal – Dean Renear submitted the proposal for a new Master of Science degree in Information Management to the Graduate College on February 16, 2015.

III. ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT DEANS’ REPORTS
a. Stephen Downie – Faculty were reminded about upcoming grant submission deadlines. The University hired Elsevier Pure, a new research profiling service for faculty.
b. Linda Smith – The final LEEP on-campus session will take place from March 5-9, 2015. Faculty, staff, and students were encouraged to participate in the faculty candidate interviews and provide feedback.
c. Cindy Ashwill – not present; pre-submitted
d. Erik Hege – Crashplan is the new laptop and desktop backup solution for GSLIS. Faculty and staff will be contacted soon to backup their systems.
e. Kate McDowell – Student Affairs has updated their mission statement and it can be found on the Student Affairs page on the GSLIS website.
f. Diana Stroud – not present; pre-submitted

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS
a. Masters students (Beth Mitchell) – not present
b. CAS students (Kristyn Carragher) – not present. Nicole Helregel and Madison Sullivan reported that the student-led Symposium on LIS Education will be held at GSLIS April 10-11, 2015.
c. PhD students (Paige Cunningham and Andrea Thomer) – nothing to report

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
a. Admissions Committee (Carol Tilley) – The Admissions Committee provided admission statistics and application numbers as of February 5, 2015. Copies are on file with these minutes.
b. Curriculum Committee (Mike Twidale) – Practicums have been updated to include learning outcomes outlined in a practicum contract.
c. Diversity Committee (Christine Jenkins) – Wayne Wiegand will present his research on black youth and the desegregation of public libraries in the south on February 25, 2015.
d. Doctoral Studies Committee (Lori Kendall) – The Doctoral Studies Committee received forty applications and conducted phone interviews with seventeen applicants. Nine students have been offered admission for fall 2015.

VI. OLD BUSINESS
a. ProSeminar proposal – Faculty unanimously approved the ProSeminar proposal as a pilot program for AY 15-16. A copy of the proposal is on file with these minutes.
b. Publications database – this item was tabled.
c. Research areas on website – this item was tabled.

VII. NEW BUSINESS
a. Field Exam process – Faculty discussed a proposal from the Doctoral Studies Committee to change the field exam process in which the student, in collaboration with their advisor, would determine the field for the exam and develop a reading list of approximately thirty works covering the body of knowledge of that field. The proposal was approved with twenty-one faculty in favor, two opposed, and one abstention.
b. Laptop policy – Faculty discussed a new laptop requirement policy effective Fall 2015. The Executive Committee will designate an ad hoc committee to discuss further and submit an updated proposal for a vote at the next faculty meeting.
c. Student-related communications – Kate McDowell discussed best practices for communicating to students.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
The regular meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m. and the Executive Session began at 3:42 p.m., concluding at 3:54 p.m.

Recorded by Christine Hopper