Dean Unsworth called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

I APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The February 10, 2010, faculty meeting minutes were approved as written.

II DEAN'S REPORT
A. Remaining faculty meeting dates for AY09-10: 4/7/10 (1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.), 5/5/10 - as noted. All meetings will be held 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. in Room 131 LIS unless otherwise stated.
B. Remaining faculty diet dates for AY09-10: 3/12/10, 4/8/10, 5/7/10 - as noted. All meetings will be held 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at John Unsworth’s home.
C. General announcements - Melissa Cragin was belatedly welcomed to the faculty meetings, with apologies for the oversight at the February 10 faculty meeting. Unofficial St. Patrick’s Day is Friday, March 5, and GSLIS doors will be secured at 5:00 p.m. Discussion of Research Fellows nominees will be conducted during the Executive Session of the April 7, 2010, faculty meeting. Please forward nominations and background information to Dorlene by Friday, March 19. John, Linda, Dorlene, and Candy will meet on Wednesday, March 10 to review and finalize Scholar-in-Residence/visiting student invitations for the academic year 2010-2011. Anyone who has been contacted with requests to visit the School should forward those requests to Candy immediately. Allison Druin will be at GSLIS March 4 and March 5 and will deliver the Gryphon Lecture on Friday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m., in Room 126. Everyone is invited to attend the lecture. Additional visit opportunities are available and interested parties are asked to contact Christine Jenkins.

III ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT DEANS REPORTS
These reports were pre-submitted and a copy of them is on file with these minutes.

IV STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS
These reports were pre-submitted and a copy of them is on file with these minutes.

V COMMITTEE REPORTS
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VI DISCUSSION TOPICS
A. Stewarding Excellence@Illinois/GSLIS - Faculty discussed the difference between Stewarding Excellence@Illinois and stewarding excellence at GSLIS. The campus process and timeline were examined and the committees structures and functions were highlighted. Stewarding Excellence@Illinois is comprised of a number of committees: The Campus Steering Committee, the Campus Advisory Committee, and the Project Management Committee. These three committees coordinate with the BOT; the Council of Deans (COD); the Faculty Senate; collective bargaining units; standing campus-level committees; college, school and unit-level governance; and alumni, parents, and other stakeholder groups. Recommendations from these discussions are reported back to the Chancellor and Provost, and the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Charge letters were sent to the
steering committees and passed through the COD, with an expected four to eight weeks needed for the committees to complete their work. Not all committees’ work will necessarily run concurrently, and there are many more steps forward in the process.

The Dean has nominated several people to serve on various committees and views this project as an opportunity for GSLIS to be an active participant in shaping the future. Linda Smith serves on two of the guiding committees: The Campus Steering Committee, and the Campus Advisory Committee. The Campus Steering Committee, chaired by Deba Dutta, is charged with identifying projects to reallocate/reduce. Nine projects have been identified to date: 1) Campus Programs Supporting Teaching, 2) Academic Unit Reviews, 3) Initiatives and Small Centers, 4) Graduate College, 5) Revenue Generation, 6) Institute of Aviation, 7) IT@Illinois, 8) Refocusing Scholarships, and 9) Public Engagement. The BOT has asked that campus take the lead in the process to consider three factors: 1) identify ways to reduce costs and increase revenue, 2) rethink the institutional footprint (e.g., at what should UofI excel in the 21st century), and 3) recommend ways in which to make informed reallocations. Additional information may be found at: http://oc.illinois.edu/budget/.

Faculty discussed what GSLIS is doing with regard to the process: 1) GSLIS is one of four small academic units being vetted through this project, 2) discussions are beginning with the College of Media, 3) channels are being opened for frank and honest exchanges that will result in a stronger position, 4) collaborative efforts with other units are increasing. Brant Houston shared perceptions from colleagues in the College of Media. It was suggested that students from each of the units also talk with one another. All informal discussions were encouraged.

The University budget and the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program may also impact the outcome of the review, but it is not yet known what that impact will be. There are no foregone conclusions to this process, all options are open for discussion and being considered, with informed decisions to be made.

Student assistantships, graduate hourly appointments, and pre-professional appointment concerns were expressed in the context of the current budget. Faculty were advised that GSLIS is purposefully managing these appointments in conjunction with the Library. Alums have expressed a strong interest in this issue and it may provide an opportunity to invite financial support from them.

With respect to pending University Administration hires, the President is the first to be put into place, with the anticipation that a new leader will be in place by January 2011.

VII ADJOURNMENT
The regular meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m. and the Executive Session began at 3:08 p.m., concluding at 4:11 p.m.

Recorded by Dorlene A. Clark