Dean Unsworth called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

I APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The March 4, 2009, faculty meeting minutes were approved as written.

II DEAN'S REPORT
A. Remaining faculty meeting date for AY0809-09: 5/6/09 - as noted.
B. Remaining faculty diet dates - 4/10/09, 5/7/09 (4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., at John's home) - as noted.
C. Faculty service committee willingness to serve; Executive Committee election - assignment preferences and Executive Committee nominations are due April 6; Executive Committee election set for Friday, April 17, and Monday, April 20 - as noted. Willingness to serve and committee assignment responses are due to Dorlene by close of business Monday, April 6. At election, ballots may be cast either electronically, or in person. The ballot box will be available 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the front desk on voting days. Late votes will not be counted.
D. General announcements - faculty annual reports are due Friday, May 22; will be reviewed by the Executive Committee on Thursday, June 4 - as noted. Faculty are asked to present only one example of scholarship and list the remainder in their annual reports. The Bylaws have been updated and are available on the School’s homepage. Kathryn LaBarre agreed to assist with diploma covers at GSLIS’ Commencement ceremony. Copies of the 2009-2010 faculty meeting schedule were distributed, one of which is on file with these minutes.

III ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT DEANS’ REPORTS
A. Allen Renear - was unable to attend and no report was given.
B. Linda Smith - provided updates on two successful grants: WISE and WISE+. WISE+ has expanded the WISE (Web-based Information Science education) consortium to include professional library organizations. Representatives of WISE institutional members will meet next week to examine the program’s sustainability and the consortium’s effort to support the program’s initiatives and member interests. One goal of the program is to foster international strategic partnerships in on-line education.
C. Cindy Ashwill - announced that efforts to redesign the School’s website are underway. Meetings have been held with two designers and estimates are pending. Communications is working with the IT group to convert to Drupal. Faculty suggestions are welcome and should be forwarded to Cindy. Work on the faculty research interests webpage continues and feedback on the site’s organization, and visual identification are encouraged. The Annual Report is being printed.
D. Erik Hege - discussed the five IT@Illinois concepts presented to the Provost on March 30, 2009. Faculty are invited to provide input and information about IT@Illinois and the five concepts may be found on the CITES wiki at: https://wiki.cites.uiuc.edu/wiki/display/itatillinois/5+Concepts. Other items of interest included after-hours building issues and non-emergency contact instructions (the phone number is being added to the HelpDesk voicemail message), a debriefing about the recent power outage, and a GSLIS Help Desk twitter account has been established.
E. Rae-Anne Montague - reminded faculty that this time of year is highly stressful for students and asked them to keep the lines of communication open, and be mindful of available resources. April 17 is the last day to drop courses without academic penalty. The Research Showcase will be held April 6, 1:00 p.m.-
4:00 p.m. in Rooms 126 and 131. Activities with incoming MS and Ph.D. students are planned and everyone is welcome to participate. Rae will forward advising information to faculty soon. Faculty are asked to forward funding opportunities to Rae. Increased concerns from students regarding career transitions were also noted.

F. Diana Stroud - reported that alternative spring break activities occurred in Washington, DC, Chicago, Minneapolis, and other sites with good experiences echoed by all who participated. The GSLIS alumni reception during the ALA conference in Chicago will be July 12, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., at Harry Caray’s. Career development will be one focus. Everyone is welcome to participate. GSLIS alumna Elizabeth Pierre-Louis will present the lecture, “Yes to Books, Youth and Reading against Exclusion in Haiti” on April 15, at 4:00 p.m. (Reception to follow) in Room 126 LIS. A storytelling festival will be held on April 18, coordinated by Kate McDowell. Campaign funding is running current and on target.

IV STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS
A. Master's students had nothing to report.
B. CAS students had nothing to report.
C. Ph.D. students had nothing to report.

V COMMITTEE/PROGRAM REPORTS
A. Admissions Committee - has completed approximately two-thirds of the 328 LEEP application files (229 in-state; 99 out-of-state) including 12 deferrals. There have been 182 on-campus admits (116 out-of-state, 66 in-state, 130 females; 52 males). Appreciation was extended to Jon Gant for volunteering to assist the Committee in its efforts.
B. Curriculum Committee - advises that the School’s course program is growing. There was general discussion about the 501/502 courses, and about adding pre-requisites to various courses. Action needs to be taken regarding the proposal for a certificate in Community Informatics. Copies of the program proposal, course outlines, and syllabi are on file with these minutes. Comments may be emailed to Stephen Downie.
C. Doctoral Studies Committee - has issued 14 letters of admittance with six acceptances and one decline to-date. There is now a waiting list for the program. One person is expected to take the Field Exam this week. Faculty were encouraged to provide nomination recommendations for the Berner-Nash Memorial Award.
D. Faculty Senate report - Senate Executive Committee Chair Nicholas Burbules has been asked to chair a task force charged with drafting an alternative model for the Global Campus initiative. President White plans to take three proposals to the Trustees at their May meeting: keep Global Campus as it is, shut it down, or change it into something else. The alternative proposal will be brought back to Senates Conference and through them, back to the campuses for review and comment. An article in the Chronicle of Higher Education about the Global Campus task force may be found at: http://chronicle.com/wiredcampus/article/3689/u-of-illinois-faculty-push-alternative-online-learning-venture. Minutes of the March 30, 2009, Faculty Senate meeting may be found at: http://www.senate.illinois.edu/090330_m.pdf.

VI OLD BUSINESS
Carole Palmer’s and Lauren Teffeau’s work on institutional repositories was listed as number seven on the IDEALS top ten list for 2008.

VII NEW BUSINESS
A. Annual Fund - Details about GSLIS’s annual faculty/staff campaign, what it is, gifting options, and matching fund opportunities, were presented by Chip Bruce. Appreciation was extended to those who have already contributed. The campaign opens April 15, 2009, and concludes May 15, 2009.
Gifts that support student travel and student awards are of particular interest, however, 100% participation, not dollars, is the ultimate goal of the campaign.

B. Faculty hires - Faculty hiring for this year is complete. Cathy Blake and Miles Efron have accepted offers of employment with GSLIS for the coming school year. Cathy’s appointment will begin July 16; Miles’ appointment begins August 16. Jessica Efron has accepted an offer of employment with the Library. Appreciation was extended to everyone who assisted with the search process.

C. Library Trends - Alistair Black has replaced John Unsworth as a co-editor of Library Trends; Boyd Rayward remains the other co-editor. A handout outlining changes and possible changes to the publication was distributed and discussed. A number of faculty raised concern over changes and proposed changes to the publication. A copy of the handout is on file with these minutes. Faculty were asked to forward their opinions and/or comments to Alistair. The Dean thanked Alistair for assuming the Co-Editor’s post.

VIII ADJOURNMENT
The regular meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m. and the Executive Session began at 2:35 p.m., concluding at 4:16 p.m.

Recorded by Dorlene A. Clark