Present: Alistair Black, Cathy Blake, Melissa Cragin, Stephen Downie, David Dubin, Miles Efron, Jon Gant, Les Gasser, Christine Jenkins, Lori Kendall, Kathryn LaBarre, John MacMullen, Bonnie Mak, Jerome McDonough, Kate McDowell, Rae-Anne Montague, Carole Palmer, Allen Renear, Dan Schiller, Linda Smith, Diana Stroud, Carol Tilley, John Unsworth, Terry Weech, Kate Williams; student representative: Meghan Kutz; guests: Jill Gengler, Sharon Irish, Larry Jackson, Fred Schlipf, Sue Searing, Deborah Stevenson, Martin Wolske

Dean Unsworth called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The March 2, 2011 faculty meeting minutes were approved as written.

II. DEAN’S REPORT
a. Remaining faculty meeting dates for AY 10-11: 5/4/11 – as noted. The meeting will be held from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Room 131 LIS.

b. Remaining faculty diet dates for AY 10-11: 4/15/11, 5/6/11 – as noted. The meetings will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at John Unsworth’s home.

c. Second Windsor Lecture: Meg Bellinger on 5/3/11 at 4:00 p.m. – as noted. The lecture will be held in Room 126 LIS [subsequently postponed]

d. Faculty service committee preferences and Executive Committee willingness to serve responses – due to Christine Hopper by Monday, April 18, 2011. The Executive Committee election will be held on Friday, April 22 and Monday, April 25 [subsequently postponed]

e. Faculty annual reports – due to Christine Hopper by Friday, May 20, 2011. Reports will be reviewed by the Executive Committee on Tuesday, May 24, 2011.

f. Faculty sick leave reports – due May 16, 2011.

g. Faculty regalia orders – due to Molly McLaughlin by April 6, 2011.

h. GSLIS faculty and student town hall – Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 126 LIS.

III. ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT DEANS REPORTS
a. Allen Renear – A search committee has been formed to hire a Senior Research Programmer. This position will be funded primarily from grant and contract sources. We are also opening a research faculty position in the area of data curation, funded by the Data Conservancy.

b. Linda Smith – Approvals for summer course enrollments have been completed and approvals for fall course enrollments will be done by April 10. Students will be able to officially enroll in summer and fall courses in April based on their time tickets. For those who did not complete course pre-selection, Meg Edwards will handle approvals for on-campus students to enroll in LEEP courses. Fall textbook orders are due to the Illini Union Bookstore by April 7, 2011.

c. Cindy Ashwill – not present; pre-reported

d. Erik Hege – not present; Jill Gengler requested summer software requests be submitted as soon as possible through http://www.lis.illinois.edu/helpdesk/software/softwarerequest
e. Rae-Anne Montague – no report submitted
f. Diana Stroud – A “Virtual Homecoming” for alumni will occur in late September or early October of 2011. Faculty were asked to contact Diana if they would be open to allowing GSLIS alumni to sit in on a class.

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS
a. Masters students (Meghan Kutz) – no report submitted
b. CAS students – no report submitted
c. PhD students (Caroline Nappo) – nothing to report

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
a. Admissions Committee (Jon Gant) – A copy of the current admission statistics is on file with these minutes. Faculty were encouraged to submit input on the admissions process to the Admissions Committee.
b. Curriculum Committee (Terry Weech) – The Curriculum Committee has been working on reports needed as background for our ALA-COA Accreditation program presentation and on a proposed revision of one of the required courses in the African Studies Joint MS Degree program.
c. Doctoral Studies Committee (Lori Kendall) – The Doctoral Studies Committee continues to work on recruitment strategies, clarifications for the website, and other issues. They have received nominations for the Berner-Nash award and are reviewing those now. The PhD application has been moved from January 5 to December 15 with approval from the Executive Committee.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
The regular meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m. and the Executive Session began at 1:53 p.m., concluding at 3:55 p.m.

Recorded by Christine Hopper