
Dean Unsworth called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

I APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Approval of the minutes of the September 7, 2005, faculty meeting, and the October 5, 2005, Executive Session faculty meeting were tabled until the December 7, 2005 meeting.

II DEAN’S REPORT
A. Welcome new staff (User Services, K-12, LRC) - New staff members were introduced and welcomed to GSLIS. They are: In the Office of Information Technology and Research - Cindy Hinton and Jennifer Morgan, both User Services Specialists; in the K-12 program - Georgeann Burch, Program Coordinator; in the Library Research Center - Megan Mustafoff, Project Coordinator, and Lauren Teffeau, Visiting Project Coordinator; and in the Center for Children’s Books - Kim Schmidt, Media Communications Specialist.

B. Spring semester faculty meeting dates: 2/8, 3/8 (Executive Session only), 4/5, 5/3 - Spring semester faculty meetings will be held from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays as noted in this header. Only tenured/tenure track faculty will attend the March 8 Executive Session meeting.

C. General announcements - The Assistant Dean search continues to progress with secondary interview sessions scheduled for November 14 and November 16. Faculty will receive additional details as to their invited participation in these scheduled sessions at a later date.

The CITES Review Committee anticipates completing its work in the next few weeks. Comments addressing the review should be forwarded to the Dean.

The Center for Humanities and the Social Sciences in Computing (CHASS), will hold a workshop on December 9 at NCSA. Vernon Burton and Thom Dunning are hosting the event. Additional details about the agenda will be forthcoming.

Jonathan Fineberg, a UIUC faculty member (computer science, art history) and a member of the board of directors at the Phillips Collection in Washington, one of the most elite museums of modern art worldwide, is interested in working with GSLIS (and others on campus) in developing a joint program for the Phillips and its new facility. His recent conversation with the Dean covered the major activity areas in the School (e.g., LEEP, Continuing Ed, IMLS, and other topics). Faculty with specific ideas on things both interesting and feasible that we might do with the Phillips should contact the Dean. A copy of the joint program proposal is on file with these minutes.

Ischools.org is now a registered domain and has been transferred to GSLIS.

The CCFD concludes this Friday, November 11, however there are still opportunities for those who wish to participate. GSLIS is nearing its goal, and has experienced an increase in overall participation.
III ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT DEANS’ REPORTS
A. Linda Smith reported that processes for regularizing and streamlining registration of non-degree students are underway, and continuing professional development registration requirements were noted. Contact Marianne Steadley or Linda Smith with questions about the requirements.
B. Ken Spelke announced Beth Ruane’s resignation and the plans for a replacement search. As part of the information technology component to campus’ Strategic Plan process, OITR has been in conversation with representatives from Oracle Corporation regarding site licenses for access to Oracle software. Faculty are invited to review the licenses and email items of interest to Ken. The School’s Janus printer will be replaced by Super Janus soon.
C. Rae-Anne Montague gave an update on spring 2006 admissions, reporting a strong pool with 36 admits to the master’s program. Work is also underway on an IMLS grant that focuses on minority student recruiting.
D. Dale Silver announced that the Research Showcase will be held Friday, March 10, 2006, 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. with a reception to follow. This event will follow a new format in cooperation with the School’s new research clusters. Faculty were encouraged to forward showcase ideas to Dale. Details will follow as planning for the event progresses. In other news, GSLIS will be voting on one replacement representative to the Faculty Senate as one of the representative’s terms is due to expire. Those who are willing to serve in this role are asked to notify Dale as elections are pending in either January or February 2006. Faculty were reminded of the upcoming lecture by Alistair Black, from the Leeds Metropolitan University, UK to address “History of Libraries, Information and the Information Society.” The brown bag lecture/discussion will be held at noon on Wednesday, November 16, in room 131. Also on November 16, Felicia Wells of the Human Resources Department of the Chicago Public Library, will visit GSLIS to make a presentation about employment opportunities at Chicago Public Library. Interested parties are welcome to attend from 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. in room 131 LIS.
E. Marlo Welshons has established a calendar on the GSLIS website and faculty are invited to forward items for inclusion; recruitment packet and print materials updates are in development; and a photo shoot with students and faculty is upcoming. Details will be announced at a later date.

IV STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS
A. Master's students - Beth Larkee had no news to report.
B. Ph.D. students - No representative attended the meeting.

V OLD BUSINESS
A. UIUC’s CI Librarianship Program - Discussions are underway to develop a pilot Community Informatics focus for the M.S. program in Chicago with course offerings onsite and via LEEP. Items of interest include recruiting Latino and other underrepresented students, the planning of upcoming open houses to meet with students, internship opportunities through the LAMP initiative, and faculty/student participant housing options.

VI NEW BUSINESS
A. Student travel awards - Sally Eakin briefed faculty on recent changes to policies related to payments to University of Illinois students including prizes, awards, scholarships and grants. Specifically she explained how the differences between job duties and awards impact payment, taxes, and systems used to process payments. International student payments were also explained. A copy of the handout material is on file with these minutes.
B. Update on international programs - Marianne Steadley reported this past summer’s library tour in Russia with Mariana Tax Choldin was highly successful and future tours are being planned. The three-week Chinese librarians study program held at GSLIS was well received and plans are underway for next year’s program. The School established important ties to key Chinese librarians and the Dean will travel to China June 17, 2006 through July 8, 2006 to further strengthen and broaden associations.
C. Discussion of tools for communication within and beyond GSLIS (wikis, forums, etc.) - Chip Bruce gave a brief overview of new information tools such as wikis, electronic forums, RSS (really simple syndication), and blogs (web logs). He shared that wikis are an easy way to make and edit website communications, and blogs resemble online diaries which could provide ease of use for syllabi, etc. It is envisioned that GSLIS has the opportunity to provide campus leadership in using such technologies. Questions were posed to faculty as to what forms of communication they used, what forms they believe are important, what are the support issues, and what are the limitations/drawbacks of such communication tools. It was suggested that Burks Oakley be invited to lecture on the subject, and that a demonstration of these tools be given at a future date.

D. Downs Award nomination discussion - Two nominations were discussed and it was decided to extend the nomination process to include additional possible nominations. The award vote has been tabled for the December faculty meeting.

E. Campus strategic planning - The Dean gave an overview of the planning process and advised that it has now reached College dean levels. This effort has an accelerated planning phase with opportunities for input, albeit with very rapid turnaround time. The plan will serve as the basis for resources for the next 5 to 10 years. The Dean will forward the campus url and template information shortly. GSLIS’s collaborative efforts, goals, competitors, etc. are to be identified in this phase of the planning process. Comments to campus are due November 21, and are due to the Dean by next Friday, November 18.

VII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. and immediately entered Executive Session.

Recorded by Dorlene A. Clark