GSLIS FACULTY MEETING  
Faculty Meeting Minutes  
November 12, 2014

Present: Cindy Ashwill, Masooda Bashir, Alistair Black, Cathy Blake, Maria Bonn, Nicole Cooke, Jana Diesner, Stephen Downie, Dave Dubin, Miles Efron, Jon Gant, Les Gasser, Erik Hege, Christine Jenkins, Lori Kendall, Emily Knox, Kathryn La Barre, Bertram Ludaescher, Jerry McDonough, Kate McDowell, Allen Renear, Linda Smith, Victoria Stodden, Diana Stroud, Carol Tilley, Vetle Torvik, Mike Twidale, Terry Weech, Kate Williams; student representatives: Beth Mitchell, Kristyn Caragher, Paige Cunningham; guests: Ian Brooks, Susan Lafferty, Fred Schlipf

Dean Allen Renear called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was noted that the suggestion of an alumni advisory committee made in response to Diana Stroud’s report was not recorded. The minutes were approved pending this addition. A copy of the revised October 1, 2014 faculty meeting minutes is on file with these minutes.

II. DEAN’S REPORT

a. Remaining faculty meeting dates for AY 14-15: 12/10/14, 2/18/15, 3/18/15, 4/15/15 (1:00-4:00 p.m.), and 5/13/15 – as noted.
c. Sabbatical requests for AY 15-16 are due to Dean Renear by Monday, November 24, 2014 – as noted.
d. Spring faculty retreat: Monday, January 12, 2015, Lincoln Room, iHotel (please hold 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) – as noted.
e. Annual meeting with Provost: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 (2:00-2:45 p.m. with Executive Committee and 2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. with core faculty) – as noted.

III. ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT DEANS’ REPORTS

a. Stephen Downie – Over 300 PhD recruitment posters and approximately 520 PhD recruitment emails were sent in October 2014.
b. Linda Smith – Advance enrollment for spring 2015 is under way and should be completed by December 5, 2014.
c. Cindy Ashwill – Communications staff continue to support recruitment efforts, including the use of social media outlets.
d. Erik Hege – The wireless upgrade in the GSLIS building is under way and will be completed soon. GSLIS Community and Administrative bulletin boards have been installed and labeled and information regarding their location and use will be emailed soon.
e. Kate McDowell – Student affairs staff are coordinating several virtual open house events. The first Employment and Salary Report has been added to the GSLIS website (http://www.lis.illinois.edu/careers/employment-report).
f. Diana Stroud – GSLIS surpassed our Campus Charitable Fund Drive goal by 13%. Faculty and staff were thanked for their participation.

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS

a. Masters students (Beth Mitchell) – nothing to report
b. CAS students (Kristyn Caragher) – The CAS students met with Dean Renear on October 28, 2014 and noted areas of concern. Dean Renear will meet with them again in spring 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 November 3, 2014. Copies are on file with these minutes.
   b. Curriculum Committee (Mike Twidale) – The Curriculum Committee has been discussing issues around the structure of curriculum, such as specializations and concentrations, and how GSLIS can utilize them effectively.
   c. Diversity Committee (Christine Jenkins) – Faculty were asked to send suggestions for speakers to Christine Jenkins.
   d. Doctoral Studies Committee (Lori Kendall) – The first hour of the Doctoral Studies Committee meeting on November 19, 2014 will be open to doctoral students for questions and comments.

VI. NEW BUSINESS
   a. Course regularization of LIS 590RGS to LIS 537, Race, Gender, and Sexuality in the Information Professions - The faculty unanimously agreed to forward to the Graduate College the request for a permanent course number for LIS 590RGS, with the amendment to add LIS 502 as a prerequisite on the New Course Outline. A copy of the New Course Outline and syllabus are on file with these minutes.
   b. ProSem proposal – Following discussion of various approaches to implementation, this item was tabled until the next faculty meeting in order for the Doctoral Studies Committee to submit an updated proposal.
   c. Research areas – Research Services is exploring options for a new Research Areas page on the GSLIS website. Faculty were asked to send their ideas to Stephen Downie.

VII. ADJOURNMENT
The regular meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m. and the Executive Session began at 3:41 p.m., concluding at 4:08 p.m.

Recorded by Christine Hopper