GSLIS FACULTY MEETING
Faculty Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2015

Present: Cindy Ashwill, Masooda Bashir, Alistair Black, Cathy Blake, Maria Bonn, Nicole Cooke, Dave Dubin, Jon Gant, Les Gasser, Erik Hege, Liz Hoiem, Emily Knox, Rachel Magee, Allen Renear, Linda Smith, Victoria Stodden, Diana Stroud, Vetle Torvik, Mike Twidale, Terry Weech; student representatives: Maura Healy, Kristina Williams; guests: Meg Edwards, Sharon Irish, Susan Lafferty, Deborah Stevenson, Dan Tracy

Dean Renear called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
The November 11, 2015 faculty meeting minutes were approved as written.

II. DEAN’S REPORT
   a. Remaining faculty meeting dates for AY 15-16: 2/17/16, 3/16/16, 4/20/16 (1:00-4:00 p.m.), and 5/11/16 – as noted.
   b. Annual meeting with Provost: Thursday, December 10, 2015 (1:30-2:15 p.m. with the Executive Committee and 2:15-3:00 p.m. with core faculty) – as noted. The meeting was subsequently rescheduled to February 10, 2016.
   c. Spring faculty retreat: Thursday, January 14, 2016, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Heritage Room, ACEs Library – as noted.

III. ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT DEANS’ REPORTS
   a. Associate Dean for Academic Programs (Linda Smith) – The Master of Science in Information Management proposed degree was approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education on December 1, 2015. Professor Michael Twidale will serve as program director and it is anticipated that interested prospective students will be able to begin the program in fall 2016. Two of the required courses, LIS 542 Data, Statistical Models and Information and LIS 543 Sociotechnical Information Systems, will be offered for the first time in spring 2016. GSLIS is scheduled to undergo the campus-level Academic Program Review process in spring 2016 and will be preparing a self-study over the next few months in anticipation of a site visit by five external reviewers.
   b. Associate Dean for Research (Stephen Downie) – not present; pre-submitted
   c. Assistant Dean for Advancement (Diana Stroud) – The first Taylor Willingham Lecture in Change Management will be given by Betty Sue Flowers on March 29, 2016.
   d. Assistant Dean for Communications (Cindy Ashwill) – Communications staff have completed the fall issue of Intersections magazine and have been managing communications for the new MS/IM degree, including preparation of a public announcement of IBHE approval, letters to Dean’s Council and LSAA Board members, a recruitment brochure, new web pages, and a magazine article.
   e. Assistant Dean for Infrastructure (Erik Hege) – Plans to migrate the remaining active GSLIS wiki spaces to the campus Confluence wiki are underway. The GSLIS wiki will remain in a ‘read only’ state until March 2016 and the server will be kept at GSLIS until March 2017.
   f. Assistant Dean for Student Affairs (Kate McDowell) – not present; pre-submitted

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS
   a. MS students (Maura Healy and Kristina Williams) – Faculty and staff were invited to attend the GSLIS Holiday Party on December 10, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., hosted by the GSLIS ALA and SLA student groups.
   b. PhD students (Beth Strickland) – not present
V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
   a. Admissions Committee (Jon Gant) – The Admissions Committee provided admission statistics and application numbers as of December 2, 2015. Copies are on file with these minutes.
   b. Curriculum Committee (Mike Twidale) – The Curriculum Committee task force met to discuss the need to reposition specializations and will consult with GSLIS faculty and students before drafting a proposal to the Curriculum Committee.
   c. Diversity Committee (Dave Dubin) – A guided discussion of racial microaggressions led by Dr. Ruby Mendenhall will take place at the January 2016 faculty retreat. Opportunities for broader participation in related events for GSLIS staff and students will be available later in 2016. Students were encouraged to continue to bring specific scenarios and concerns to the Diversity Committee.
   d. Doctoral Studies Committee (Lori Kendall) – not present; pre-submitted

VI. ADJOURNMENT
The regular meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m. and the Executive Session began at 3:04 p.m., concluding at 4:06 p.m.

Recorded by Christine Hopper