Present: Cindy Ashwill, Masooda Bashir (via speakerphone), Cathy Blake, Maria Bonn, Nicole Cooke, Stephen Downie, Dave Dubin, Miles Efron, Jon Gant, Les Gasser, Erik Hege, Liz Hoiem, Christine Jenkins, Lori Kendall, Emily Knox, Kathryn La Barre, Bertram Ludaescher, Kate McDowell, Allen Renear, Linda Smith, Victoria Stodden, Carol Tilley, Vetle Torvik, Mike Twidale, Terry Weech, Kate Williams; student representatives: Beth Mitchell, Kristyn Caragher, Paige Cunningham; guests: Sharon Irish, Susan Lafferty, Fred Schlipf, Dan Tracy, Martin Wolske

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

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
The November 12, 2014 faculty meeting minutes were approved as written.

II. DEAN’S REPORT
a. Remaining faculty meeting dates for AY 14-15: 2/18/15, 3/18/15, 4/15/15 (1:00-4:00 p.m.), and 5/13/15 – as noted.
b. Remaining faculty diet dates for AY 14-15: 12/12/14, 2/13/15, 3/13/15, 4/17/15, 5/15/15 – as noted
c. Spring faculty retreat: Monday, January 12, 2015, Lincoln Room, iHotel (9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) – as noted. Faculty were asked to let Dean Renear know if they will not be in attendance.
d. 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.
e. Downs Award – The staff and board of trustees of the Orland Park Public Library are the 2014 recipient of the Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award.

III. ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT DEANS’ REPORTS
a. Stephen Downie – Faculty were asked to contact Research Services about PhD student hiring needs for their research projects. Research Showcase will be held on Friday, April 3, 2105.
b. Linda Smith – Faculty were reminded to submit grades by noon on Thursday, December 23, 2014. LEEP cohort 19.5 will be on campus from January 8-14, 2015 and spring courses begin Tuesday, January 20, 2015.
c. Cindy Ashwill – Communications staff have been assisting Research Services with the initial reorganization of the Research section of the website.
d. Erik Hege – The third floor east restroom has been converted to a gender neutral bathroom.
e. Kate McDowell – Student Affairs staff had a retreat on December 2, 2014 to review their mission statement, staff roles and responsibilities, and communications and marketing plan.
f. Diana Stroud – not present

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS
a. Masters students (Beth Mitchell) – Faculty were thanked for their support this semester.
b. CAS students (Kristyn Caragher) – nothing to report
c. PhD students (Paige Cunningham and Andrea Thomer) – PhD students are working with the PhD student representative to the Doctoral Studies Committee to provide feedback on the ProSem proposal.
V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
   a. Admissions Committee (Carol Tilley) – The Admissions Committee provided admission statistics and application numbers as of December 3, 2014. Copies are on file with these minutes.
   b. Curriculum Committee (Mike Twidale) – The Curriculum Committee discussed courses that GSLIS could develop to support the informatics minor and whether there are opportunities to offer undergraduate courses online, including the summer and winter terms.
   c. Diversity Committee (Christine Jenkins) – The Diversity Committee discussed a proposal to collaborate with DRES to increase the knowledge and awareness of the disabled community within GSLIS and beyond.
   d. Doctoral Studies Committee (Lori Kendall) – The Doctoral Studies Committee continued to discuss the ProSem proposal and no final decisions have been made. The Doctoral Student Handbook has been finalized and is available on the website.

VI. OLD BUSINESS
   a. Research areas – Faculty discussed possible research areas for the GSLIS website. Faculty will continue discussion of these areas at the January 12, 2015 faculty retreat.

VII. NEW BUSINESS
   a. Survey for designing LEEP: The Next Generation – Faculty were asked to provide feedback on the Redesigning LEEP survey that will be sent to all students and LEEP alumni.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
   The regular meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m. and the Executive Session began at 3:13 p.m., concluding at 4:02 p.m.

Recorded by Christine Hopper