ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT DEANS’ REPORTS

**Associate Dean for Research, Stephen Downie** –

1. Thus far in FY ‘12, we’ve submitted 21 proposals totaling $5,901,432.
4. Center for Digital Inclusion
5. Jen Anderson is now the IT liaison for Research Services. It’s a good idea to discuss computer and equipment needs with her early in the grant-writing process.
6. Met with Melanie Loots from VCRs office to discuss issues regarding purchasing goods and services for researchers. Will continue to keep it on the front burner.
7. Seeking clarification on NSF funding and “entertainment” (does that include hosting dinners sans alcohol?)
8. IRB
   a. IRB guest lecture in spring
   b. Exploring with VCR the possibility of in-house IRB committee to vet exempt projects

**Associate Dean for Academic Programs, Linda Smith** –

On January 23, 2012 the Committee on Accreditation of the American Library Association voted to grant continued accreditation status to the program leading to the degree of Master of Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The next comprehensive review is scheduled for fall 2018. The decision was based on the Program Presentation, the External Review Panel Report, all of the reports of the program submitted to the Committee since the last comprehensive review in 2004, and the January 22, 2012 meeting with Dean Unsworth, Linda Smith, and Joan Giesecke, Chair of the External Review Panel. In the next biennial narrative report due December 1, 2013, GSLIS is asked to provide an update concerning both direct and indirect measures for program-level student learning outcomes assessment. My thanks to faculty, staff, and students who provided input at every stage of the review process.

Work is under way on the summer and fall 2012 course schedules, with the goal of having information so that students can participate in course pre-selection via Moodle shortly after the LEEP on-campus session scheduled for March 1-5.
**Assistant Dean for Communications, Cindy Ashwill** –
In the next couple of months, the web team will revisit the pages for core faculty with the goals of enhancing content and improving its presentation. Later in the semester, the categories and tags used for news articles will be revisited with faculty and, if necessary, revised for the Areas of Research page. The web pages for doctoral student profiles also will be updated with the same goals in mind.

The Communications Office is working to build content for the School’s YouTube channel ([http://www.youtube.com/GSLISatIllinois](http://www.youtube.com/GSLISatIllinois)). Faculty are encouraged to share video by emailing the communications ticketing system at communications@support.lis.illinois.edu. Videos must be in one of the following formats: .AVI, .MOV, .WMV, or .MPG. The channel will be publicized broadly this spring.

More than 1,000 people like our Facebook page, and we’re seeing an increase in the number of alumni postings about the accomplishments of other alumni as well as topics in the field of LIS. Please “like” us at [http://www.facebook.com/GSLISatIllinois](http://www.facebook.com/GSLISatIllinois) and share current news and information with other members of the GSLIS community!

Miscellaneous projects for the spring include publicity for UC2B; plans for our second “GSLIS in a Flash” student project presentations later in the semester; and collaboration with the Advancement Office to produce a “Thankful CD,” an audio compilation of personal narratives and folktalestold by members of the GSLIS community, which will be sent to all campaign donors (to be accompanied by a special section in the spring Alumni Newsletter). Later this semester, staff will begin working on a communications plan to announce the new dean.

Upcoming GSLIS publications for the spring semester include the Annual Report (delayed due to the news about John’s departure) and Alumni Newsletter. The GSLIS Magazine has been postponed to August to avoid overwhelming alumni with multiple publications in a short period of time.

The Library Trends schedule through May, the end of the volume year, includes the following issues:
- Information Literacy beyond the Academy, Part 2: Organizational Issues, Theoretical Perspectives, and Practical Initiatives (60:3), edited by John Crawford
- Windows on the World: Analyzing Main Street Public Library Collections (60:4), edited by Wayne Wiegand

**Assistant Dean for Infrastructure, Erik Hege** – no report submitted

**Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Rae-Anne Montague** –
Students are settling into the new semester. Few additional changes in registration are expected.

LEEP on-campus is March 1-5. Thanks to all teaching via LEEP who have submitted class needs to Molly McLaughlin. The full schedule will be available via the GSLIS calendar soon.

Alternative Spring Break ([http://www.lis.illinois.edu/academics/practicum/ash](http://www.lis.illinois.edu/academics/practicum/ash)) placements are being finalized by Roy Brooks. Demand for this program is up.
**Assistant Dean for Advancement, Diana Stroud –**

**GSLIS Alumni Gathering at the iSchools Conference:**

Wednesday, February 8th from 6:30-9:30 at the Duke of Somerset. All GSLIS students, faculty and alumni are invited. We have business cards with detailed information for you to share if you are going to the conference. Christine will have extras at the Faculty meeting. We will be providing dinner. Advanced RSVPs are advised. We will be able to add a couple of people last minute, but not a large number. If you see a person who plans to come, please send a notice to dstrou@illinois.edu

**Scheduled GSLIS gatherings:**

January – Gainesville
February – Tucson, Phoenix
March – Philadelphia, Public Library Association

**CRT –** March 2, 2012, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., EnterpriseWorks-Research Park, Room 130, 60 Hazelwood Drive, Champaign. Presenter: Michael Twidale, Topic: TBD

**2nd Annual Applied Project Poster Session:**

Immediately Following the CRT 1-1:30 p.m. MS students will showcase their projects from recent semester that may have application within the corporate sector. Projects were selected from proposals submitted by students at the end of last semester. Faculty should rsvp to sdjohnso@illinois.edu if they plan to attend. Box lunches will be provided.

**LSAA Awards:**

Nominations for the LSAA Awards will be accepted until April 1, 2012. Please go to our website for more details on the awards and the criteria for each category. We need good nominations and hope you will participate. The awards will be given at our annual ALA reception in June.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

**Masters students, Ben Rodriguez** – no report submitted

**CAS students, Jessica Lapinsky** – no report submitted

**PhD students, Brittany Smith** – no report submitted

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Admissions Committee, Jon Gant** – no report submitted

**Curriculum Committee, Mike Twidale** –

1) Simplifying the process for assigning permanent numbers for LIS 390, 490 and 590 sections. Kathy Painter will assist faculty in filling out the form by attempting to prefill values with available materials. We are developing a guideline document to assist with filling out the form. (Current draft attached)

2) Update on discovering diversity issues covered within existing courses by Kathryn La Barre and Meg Edwards. (See attachment) Results from the preliminary call to faculty, adjuncts and PhD instructors regarding specific issues addressed in their courses regarding diversity and any readings or materials that addressed these same issues. Please contact Meg to add to this list.
Doctoral Studies Committee, Les Gasser –

Field Exams
Reminder: Notifications of intent to take the Field Exam and Reading Lists are due 10 February. Reading lists within subject areas need to be synchronized, and this can take time. At present we have one notification of intent (Social Informatics).

Annual Reviews
Reminder that Ph.D. Student Annual Reviews should be completed and reports submitted by April 30th.

iSchool Visits Proposals
Reminder that proposals for iSchools visits support are due 28 February.

Admissions
50 Ph.D. applicants this year

~18 applicants are being interviewed (ongoing)

After interviews we will be aligning potential admits with faculty interests, funding sources, etc. Hoping to have process substantially completed in a few of weeks, i.e. much earlier than prior years.

Coordination with the Informatics Ph.D. program admissions process is still underdeveloped (mostly due to lack of time at this point.)

Thanks!
Thanks to all who have provided inputs, and especially to Valerie Youngen and Penny Ames who have administered the process so wonderfully.