ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT DEANS’ REPORTS

Associate Dean for Research, Stephen Downie –
I. Sr. Research Programmer interviews are underway.
II. Research Showcase is March 30. Program committee has met and selected presentations/posters. Chancellor will be providing opening comments.
III. Discussing resources for PhD students who are not on grants. Need to consider budgeting skills in PhD research program and/or thesis proposals.
IV. Met with Ron Banks from Institutional Review Board to discuss IRB issues generally. Remember that all grant participants need to complete the IRB training. Ron saw no problem with IRB training modules being incorporated into mandatory teaching unit in 501 or 502.
V. Hope to move CDI proposal to Provost’s office this month.
VI. HathiTrust Research Center—MOUs being signed. Working with CIRSS and other campus partners on making HTRC an active research and service reality.
VII. Reminder to send latest peer reviewed publications to Molly for inclusion on Research Bulletin Board.

Associate Dean for Academic Programs, Linda Smith –
The spring 2012 LEEP on-campus session took place March 1-5: 49 LEEP courses provided some face-to-face time for students and faculty and there was a wide range of special events. These included practicum and career-related sessions coordinated by Roy Brooks, technology workshops, a K-12 assessment portfolio work session coordinated by Georgeann Burch, the Gryphon Lecture and a brown bag session sponsored by CCB, various activities sponsored by the student groups, weekend lunches, and the LEEP dinner. The on-campus sessions have been a part of our LEEP enrollment option since the program began in 1996, but have grown dramatically from the 31 LEEP students attending and the three courses per term that were scheduled in the first year of the program.

The Summer schedule has been posted and summer course pre-selection (all courses, all students) takes place March 5-16 (https://courses.lis.illinois.edu/course/view.php?id=1545). It is important for all students to indicate their plans for summer to allow us to determine demand for courses and the need to make any adjustments in the schedule. The fall semester 2012 schedule will be finalized soon and we will set up fall course pre-selection (LEEP courses, all students) for March 19-30. Most student time tickets will allow advance enrollment through Banner beginning the week of April 9, although some students may be able to register earlier. Linda Smith will do approvals for summer course enrollment and for fall LEEP course enrollment, based on student preferences posted to the course pre-selection Moodle.

Assistant Dean for Communications, Cindy Ashwill –
The Web Team continues to explore ways to enhance content for core faculty pages. Plans are in place to meet with Library staff this week to discuss BibApp as a strategy for populating faculty publications on the GSLIS website. Changes to enhance the presentation of information on doctoral student profiles are in progress.

The School’s YouTube channel (http://www.youtube.com/GSLISatIllinois) now includes 55 videos (both original and shared) for audiences to learn more about the work of faculty, students, and alumni. While efforts to build
content continue, the Communications Office is beginning to publicize the channel; e.g., in the upcoming eUpdate and via a forthcoming widget on the GSLIS home page. Again, faculty are encouraged to share videos (.AVI, .MOV, .WMV, or .MPG formats) by emailing the communications ticketing system at communications@support.lis.illinois.edu.

Please share current news and information with the GSLIS community on our Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/GSLISatIllinois. If you prefer that communications staff post the information, please email the communications ticketing system.

Reprints and updates of print materials will be completed this semester, and high-resolution PDFs of the current recruitment materials will be added to the website.

Upcoming GSLIS publications include the Annual Report, to be mailed this month, and the Alumni Newsletter, which will be mailed in May.

Library Trends 60:3, “Information Literacy beyond the Academy, Part 2,” edited by John Crawford, will be mailed this month. The next issue, “Windows on the World: Analyzing Main Street Public Library Collections” (60:4), edited by Wayne Wiegand, is scheduled for completion in May.

**Assistant Dean for Infrastructure, Erik Hege –**

1) Unified Communication update:
- When a call comes from someone on a Lync phone, it will automatically go to a person's Lync phone regardless of whether they have a phone connected or not. You will get an email telling you they called.
- We are still targeting the end of semester for the large scale migration. However, if you want to be set up before then, we can do that and you can keep your 'copper line' phone as well until June.
- E911 disclaimer - If you are still getting messages from CITES about the E911 disclaimer form, please do 'acknowledge' it. Doing so changes nothing other than avoiding getting future notices.
- We will be doing some Outlook and Lync training/demos beginning after spring break. There are also classes available from campus if you prefer.

2) Server upgrades
- The Moodle server and classroom 06 servers have been upgraded to new hardware. Please report any problems to the Help Desk.

3) The option to connect to the fileservers using WebDav will be retired at the end of the semester. We have been using WebDav in a way that is not recommended and it has now been developed beyond the point where we can continue using it as a viable solution. SFTP and SSH will continue to be options and we are investigating other possibilities.

4) We are waiting for F&S to get back to us regarding a timeframe for making changes to room 341. If you are interested in knowing more about the changes for the room, please let me know and I will discuss them with you.

5) The projectors in room 52 (CTL) and room 46 will be replaced with new ones over spring break.

**Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Rae-Anne Montague** – nothing to report
Assistant Dean for Advancement, Diana Stroud –

Recent GSLIS Alumni Gatherings:
iSchools Conference-27
Gainesville-individual meetings
Tucson-12
Phoenix-12
March 13 – Philadelphia, Public Library Association- Exhibit and Alumni Reception

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.

Major Gifts:
Received a major gift to endow a Scholarship for a student in health science librarianship beginning this year. Would like to get a sense from the faculty if we want to continue giving an award at graduation or if we should just have the scholarship?
Identified a donor to fund the annual Information Systems/Technology Award, with the possibility of a future endowment to support the award on an annual basis.

University of Illinois Foundation-Office of Corporate Relations:
Invited to present at the Regional Directors meeting on March 8, 2012. This meeting is designed to provide information to the Regional Gift Officers about our priorities with the idea of receiving their assistance in identifying donors for GSLIS. On March 28 there will be a similar presentation for the campus Office of Corporate Relations.

Katherine Sharp/GSLIS Anniversary Celebration:
Preliminary meeting with Dave Dubin and Cindy Ashwill to discuss possible activities. Would welcome suggestions or assistance from faculty as we begin the planning process. More details to come.

Fall Reunion:
Begin plans for 2012 GSLIS Reunion in October, feedback or suggestions are welcome.

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 –
See attached document for Admission stats as of March 6, 2012.
Curriculum Committee, Mike Twidale –
1) Several 590 classes are in the process of being migrated to permanent numbers. Two are ready for faculty review:

(old 590FM) LIS 569, Financial Management
(old 590AA) LIS 584 Arrangement and Description for Archives and Museums

After examining the proposals and attached documentation, the Curriculum Committee requested additional information from the proposers. Their responses are attached.

2) Meg Edwards will outline ideas for better course descriptions to help with advising, course selection and program planning purposes

Doctoral Studies Committee, Les Gasser –
1. GSLIS has offered admission to 12 new Ph.D. applicants. To date we have heard back that 4 of these will accept, 2 will visit, 4 are considering several offers, and 2 we don't know more about. In addition, one other student admitted earlier will now begin in Fall 2012, so at present it seems we know we'll have at least 5 coming. Letters went out offering all admittees four years of support.

2. The DSC got no applications for the "Doctoral Student Exchange Visits", in response to the first-round call, due 2/28. We will update the call for a new due date later this Spring. Please be aware that funds must be spent before the end of the calendar year. See the call linked from the GSLIS Ph.D. program pages, or directly at http://www.lis.illinois.edu/academics/programs/phd/doctoral_student_exchange.

Upcoming:
Field exams: advisors/committees please get questions in to the DSC for review by Friday 9 March (email to Les).

Annual reviews should be done by 4/30. See the GSLIS Ph.D. Annual Reviews page linked under Ph.D. Advising, or directly at http://www.lis.illinois.edu/academics/programs/phd/advising/annual-review