GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Pre-submitted reports for the faculty meeting on
Wednesday, April 4, 2012

ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT DEANS’ REPORTS

Associate Dean for Research, Stephen Downie –
I. Successful Research Showcase:
   Thanks to everyone for help, exciting presentations, interesting posters, and for attending. Looking into
dates for next year. Please send any comments to Maeve.
II. New grants admin system from Engineering:
   Suzi is looking into a new tool from Engineering which fits into her workflow for grants administration
   and submitting to campus. Will also include a repository. More information to follow.
III. Funding options for thesis work:
   Meeting with students and campus administrators to find out what’s available and how to access.
IV. Sr. Research Programmer Search:
   Have narrowed down the field considerably. Hope to be reaching a decision soon.

Associate Dean for Academic Programs, Linda Smith –
All students have had the opportunity to select summer sources and fall LEEP courses through the course pre-
selection forums set up in Moodle. Approvals for summer courses have been completed and approvals for fall
courses will be done by April 9. Students will be able to officially enroll in summer and fall courses in April
based on their time tickets. For those who did not complete course pre-selection, Meg Edwards will handle
approvals for on-campus students to enroll in LEEP courses.

Every five years the Committee on Extended Education and External Degrees (CEEED) of the Graduate College
reviews online programs offered at UIUC. This year LEEP is being reviewed and survey data have been gathered
from faculty (full-time and adjunct), LEEP alumni from the past five years, and current LEEP students. Thanks to
the 64 faculty and 275 LEEP students/alumni who took the time to reply. Overall assessments were quite
positive, but suggestions for improvement made in response to open-ended questions will be the focus of our
efforts for continuous program improvement going forward.

Assistant Dean for Communications, Cindy Ashwill –
The Web Team met with Library staff in March to discuss BibApp as a strategy for populating faculty
publications on the GSLIS website. Due to workflow issues related to entering data and keeping it up to date, it
was decided that the use of BibApp would not be ideal for this purpose. In the short term, faculty CVs provide the
best and most immediate solution; faculty are encouraged to send their most current CVs to Cindy for posting as
PDFs on individual web pages. Additional activities, such as searches in Google Scholar, will be explored in the
months to come.

Recent efforts to raise the visibility of GSLIS on campus have proven successful. Our Alternative Spring Break
program was highlighted on the campus’s Facebook page on March 19, and our YouTube video, “Professor
Michael Twidale on the Social Aspects of Computing,” is now live on the Illinois Here & Now page
(http://illinois.edu/herenow/videos.html). GSLIS alumnus Moustafa Ayad was one of many success stories
shared at the Graduate College’s Community of Scholars Campus Visit Program, which focuses on recruiting
students from underrepresented minorities. In addition, the News Bureau plans highlight a group of our faculty in the near future as a result of attendance at the Research Showcase.

Everyone should have received an email from Chancellor Wise, “Visioning Future Excellence at Illinois Survey,” on March 28. All GSLIS faculty and staff are encouraged to respond to this survey. It provides the opportunity to convey the value of our School to societal issues (and therefore campus strategic priorities), so it would be nice to be well represented.

Please remember to 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 at communications@support.lis.illinois.edu.

Upcoming GSLIS publications include the Alumni Newsletter, which will be mailed in May. 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.

Library Trends 60:4, “Windows on the World: Analyzing Main Street Public Library Collections,” edited by Wayne Wiegand, is the last issue of the volume year and scheduled for publication in May.

**Assistant Dean for Infrastructure, Erik Hege**

1) UC - No significant changes from last month. Brynnen, Jill, Jen and I are meeting next Monday to work on some Lync/Outlook training. We will be having open sessions starting in the next 2-3 weeks. We will also begin taking orders for ‘hardware’ at that time and coming up with a schedule for migrations. We have also continued to provide feedback to CITES on the limited usability of the Macintosh clients.

2) The projectors in rooms 46 and 52 have been replaced and new speakers will be installed this Friday. The new projectors are HD and widescreen. We have also added HDMI connectivity for any laptops that have that option.

3) We (mostly Garret) are working very hard on Moodle 2. GAs are assisting with testing and modifications are being made for usability. We want to be able to switch to Moodle 2 this summer. More details as things firm up.

4) Laptop backups - We (mostly Neil and Milt) have been working on a better solution for providing laptop backups. Currently, external hard drives are the option. In the next few weeks we will be beta testing a software solution that will automatically backup files/folders of your choice to a server.

5) After the semester, we will be making some changes to the LRL to allow for new display(s) in there as well. The short ceiling is somewhat limiting and we are awaiting recommendations from CITES.

6) Reminder, if you have technical issues, please contact the Help Desk rather than IT staff individuals whenever possible. The Help Desk staff are able to handle most issues and that frees up other staff to work on other larger issues. The Help Desk will also create a ticket in our system and pass it on to the appropriate people if they can not solve your problem.

7) In campus news, the Identity and Access Management (IAM) University wide project is continuing. AITS is spearheading this initiative now, and the timeline is still years out, but as this touches everyone on all the campuses, that is not unexpected.

**Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Rae-Anne Montague** – no report submitted
**Assistant Dean for Advancement, Diana Stroud** –
Pleased to report the donation of a $675,000 bequest for scholarships in Health Science Librarianship with current donations to begin funding the scholarship this year. I am hopeful that this gift will be announced at the Foundation meeting in September honoring our donors and GSLIS.

While giving to GSLIS overall is on track with previous years, support for the Annual Fund is down 4% at this time. We hope to make that number up with our spring mailings.

Thank you CD’s will go out in April to all those who donated to the GSLIS Campaign. Our thanks to Betsy Hearne and Garret Gengler for their assistance in selecting alumni storytellers and recording the stories.

Our recent exhibit and reception at PLA was a great success, we hope to participate on a regular basis in the future. Plans are underway for a reception at MLA in Seattle and our exhibit and reception at ALA in Anaheim in June.

**CRT Dates**
Fri., June 8 (9-11 a.m.) - Illini Center (Orange & Blue Room)
   Speaker: Courtney Hunt, Principal, Renaissance Strategic Solutions
   Founder, Global Center for Digital Era Leadership (GCDEL)
   Founder, Social Media in Organizations (SMinOrgs) Community
   Topic: "Developing a Strategy/Plan for Leveraging 2.0 tools and Technologies Inside Organizations"

Fri., Sept. 14 (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.) - Research Park
   Speaker: Leslie, Owens, Senior Analyst, Forrester Research
   Topic: "Business Technology Trends"

Fri., Nov. 9 (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.) - Research Park
   Speaker: Jana Diesner, Assistant Professor
   Topic: TBA

**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 April 2, 2012.

**Curriculum Committee, Mike Twidale** –
Various curriculum proposals requiring a vote will be discussed under New Business.
Doctoral Studies Committee, Miles Efron –

Ph.D. Admissions
As of Monday we know about 9 new Ph.D. students for next year:
Piortr Adamczyk
Jeanie Austin
Henry Gabb
Jinseok Kim
Fred Lugya
Melissa Nicholas
KR Roberto
LaTesha Velez
Craig Willis

We are still waiting on decisions from 4 other admittees. But even if none of them come, we will have a great incoming class. Thanks go to all who put tremendous energies into converting “admitted” to “coming.”

Field Exams
Field Exams are in process.

Annual Reviews: Important
Ph.D. student Annual Reviews are to be completed during April, and are due to the DSC (email to Les) before 30 April. This deadline is important to get the DSC reviews completed in a timely way, so please be sure your students handle it by then. 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

Doctoral Exchange Visits Proposals
The new proposal submission date for Doctoral Exchange Visits Proposals will be 30 April 2012. Details are on the Ph.D. Program sections of the GSLIS Website.