ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT DEANS’ REPORTS

**Associate Dean for Academic Programs, Linda Smith** - All students have had the opportunity to select summer courses and LEEP fall courses through the course pre-selection forums set up in Moodle. Approvals for summer course enrollments have been completed and approvals for fall course enrollments will be done by April 11. 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.

At the March faculty diet, faculty expressed interest in finding ways to integrate adjunct faculty more fully into GSLIS. As a starting point, we will be augmenting the information about adjunct faculty on the GSLIS web site. In the period spring/summer/fall 2010, 47 adjunct faculty, 15 members of the University Library faculty and staff, and 6 emeritus faculty will teach one or more courses for GSLIS.

**Assistant Dean for Research, Allen Renear** – No report submitted.

**Assistant Dean for Advancement, Diana Stroud** – As we move into the final quarter of FY10, we are ahead of last year in dollars raised and the number of donors who have given to GSLIS. We were fortunate to receive another estate gift of $200,000 toward our endowed chair. We have been concerned about the effect of the “review process” on our alumni, but are not hearing many concerns at this point. We have had lots of alumni offer to send testimonials, etc. if that is needed or requested by the committee.

John and I traveled to Atlanta to see donors this month and think we will be able to start an Atlanta GSLIS Alumni Network this year. We have a very diverse group of recent and past graduates who want to stay connected with the School. We will have several new opportunities for ASB placements in Atlanta as well.

Alumni in Washington DC, Chicago and Minneapolis hosted gatherings for our students and their supervisors during ASB. A great time was reported by everyone who participated.

We will be choosing LSAA award winners this week. We had many great nominations. The LSAA Board will meet on April 16 during the 50 Years of Public Computing Conference, giving everyone an opportunity to attend portions of the meeting.

Sharon Johnson has been working to connect our faculty with ACES faculty to collaborate on projects with Monsanto. These projects will provide multiple opportunities for students to work and be paid. I had an excellent meeting with Jean Buck at Wolfram to discuss ASB, internships and paid positions. Wolfram would very much like to have more of our students at all levels in their employment.

Our final CRT will be May 21, 2010, at 11:00. The subject is tentatively web 2.0; we are gathering information from participants re: more specific interests.

We are all gearing up for our ALA reception in Washington, D.C. on June 27, 2010. We hope you will all mark the date on your calendar.

**Assistant Dean for Communications, Cindy Ashwill** – The Web Team continues to enhance the newly launched GSLIS website through the addition of new features and content. Faculty are especially encouraged to notify Cindy...
or Kim when they have research news to share; in addition, please inform us when you hear from the UI News Bureau regarding potential coverage. The Annual Report will be sent to the printer within the next week, and publication is expected by the end of the month.

Assistant Dean for Infrastructure, Erik Hege – No report submitted.

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Rae-Anne Montague – No report submitted.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Master’s students, Fredrick Lugya – No report submitted.

CAS students, Emily Shaw – No report submitted.

Ph.D. students, Richard Urban – PhD students express an ongoing interest in merger discussions and would encourage the faculty to post relevant updates to the PhD listserv. Students would also like to be aware of any additional cost-cutting requests that the University Administration is asking GSLIS to make, especially as it impacts student support.

While some of these issues may be discussed during the Faculty Meeting - approved minutes may not be published until a month or so later.

The PhD representative (Richard) has also been asked to provide unofficial notes immediately after faculty meetings via a wiki page, for more timely updates.

COMMITTEE/PROGRAM REPORTS

Admissions Committee, Jon Gant - The Admissions Committee completed the review for Summer 2010 and Fall 2010 classes. For Fall 2010, 197 applicants were offered admission and 87 have accepted admission. For Summer 2010, 21 were offered admission and 12 have accepted admission. The Committee is currently reviewing the Fall LEEP 2010 Class. We are reviewing 262 LEEP applications and will complete the reviews by April 15.

Curriculum Committee, Stephen Downie – The Curriculum Committee last met on Thursday, 11 March 2010. Main discussion items included:

1. Establishment of an "Introduction to Technology" course. Progress about content and goals is being made. Local alum Lissette Wells has been recruited to develop the prototype course in consultation with some members of the Curriculum Committee. The goal is to pilot the course in fall 2010, with an on-campus and a LEEP section. First development meeting with Lisette set for 14 April 2010, 2-3 PM.

2. Rationalizing future course delivery options.

   - Looking into ways to best utilize faculty resources to balance class size, cost, demand and quality issues.

   - Investigating the role Community Credit students play in class size, demand and funding. Community credit enrollments continue to grow. In the period Summer 2002-Spring 2003, GSLIS had 64 community credit enrollments (38 on-campus; 26 LEEP). In the period Summer 2009-Spring 2010, GSLIS had 266 community credit enrollment (39 on-campus; 227 LEEP). Tuition for community credit enrollment for academic year 2009-2010 is $1,020 for a two credit hour course and $2,040 for a four credit hour course. University employees enrolling as degree-seeking students or through community credit receive a full waiver of tuition, unlike most students who pay at least some tuition.

Next meeting is 14 April 2010, 3:00PM, Rm. 242.
Doctoral Studies Committee, Carole Palmer – Three field exams are underway. PhD students and advisors should be in the process of setting up annual reviews. Reports are due to Valerie Youngen on Monday, May 3rd.

Of the 13 students admitted to the PhD program, 5 have accepted, 1 has declined. Of those pending, 3 plan to attend the Research Showcase, along with 3 of the admits.

Berner Nash award nominations are due to the DSC this week for review at our Monday meeting.

Faculty Senate report, Jon Gant/Terry Weech – No report submitted.

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