ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT DEANS’ REPORTS

**Associate Dean for Research, Stephen Downie** –
HathiTrust Research Center: working with Illinois and GSLIS stakeholder to form a stronger coalition and to garner University support.

Research Services wiki—provides boilerplate for grant proposals, some info on organizing events, and help for project managers. PhD students have been given access. Hope to continue growing this resource. Accessible from Research Services web page.

Working on strategic vision for ADR’s office over summer.

**Associate Dean for Academic Programs, Linda Smith** –
The Graduate College’s Committee on Extended Education and External Degrees (CEEED) has completed its five-year review of the M.S. & C.A.S. Library and Information Science (LEEP) Program. The Committee was particularly impressed by the strong commitment to ensuring high standards in this program. The Graduate College has approved the program to continue for another five years. Thanks to all those students, alumni, and faculty who completed surveys during the data collection phase of this review.

In conjunction with the GSLIS BBQ on April 26, Helen Jentzen and Jared Dunn led the organization of a GSLIS Student Project Showcase. Thanks to those who participated. We hope to continue to find opportunities for our MS and CAS students to showcase their accomplishments.

Some end of semester reminders:
1) Students are strongly encouraged to complete their ICES online course evaluation forms ([https://ices.cte.uiuc.edu](https://ices.cte.uiuc.edu)). Results are not released to faculty until after grades are submitted and your responses will be kept strictly confidential (faculty do not know who completed a particular form).
2) Faculty must submit spring semester course grades online by noon on Friday May 18. For detailed information on grades please visit the Office of the Registrar website at [http://registrar.illinois.edu/staff/records/grades.html](http://registrar.illinois.edu/staff/records/grades.html).

**Assistant Dean for Communications, Cindy Ashwill** –
Staff have been busy promoting recent GSLIS news such as the hiring of Nicole Cooke and Emily Knox, Melissa Wong’s Campus Award for Excellence in Online & Distance Teaching, and the campus interview with Carole Palmer following federal funding for big data computing. Other activities include publicity for the LSAA Tassel project, featuring a new video that can be accessed from the GSLIS home page, and the completion of a professionally designed poster template that will be used to promote GSLIS lectures. Watch for another new video, “I’m a GSLIS Student Because . . . ,” to be featured on the home page.
We are more actively using email distribution lists for external audiences in the field of LIS, including iSchools, JESSE, and ASIS-L. If you have suggestions for others that should be included on a regular basis, please email Cindy at cashwill@illinois.edu.

Chancellor Wise’s Visioning Survey is available at www.oc.illinois.edu/visioning, the Visioning Future Excellence at Illinois website, which will feature share the results after the data have been processed. All GSLIS faculty and staff are encouraged to respond to this survey, to ensure that our School is well represented.

The GSLIS Alumni Newsletter will be mailed this month. Library Trends 60:4, “Windows on the World: Analyzing Main Street Public Library Collections,” edited by Wayne Wiegand, also is scheduled for publication in May.

Faculty are encouraged to connect with the GSLIS community on our Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/GSLISatIllinois.

Plans for the summer include preparation for the ALA Annual Conference and GSLIS Fall Reunion; production of the GSLIS Magazine; reprints, updates, and additions to recruitment materials as well as posting these materials as high-resolution PDFs on the GSLIS website.

**Assistant Dean for Infrastructure, Erik Hege**

Printers - The 2nd floor printer (Janus) is back where it was, and will be replaced with a newer version in the next 2 weeks. 'Chip', the printer in the LRL is now a new printer. If you printed to 'Chip' or 'Janus' before, you do not need to change anything.

Lab software - Please get your software requests for the lab into the Help Desk as soon as possible.

UC update - An email was sent out last week with details about securing Lync. Please take a few minutes to read that document. Also, open Lync sessions will begin next week, or the week after as scheduling permits. Jen Anderson will be sending out a list of dates and times. Anyone is welcome to attend. We will have examples of headsets and the USB phone at the sessions. Please contact the Help Desk with your preferred hardware option for Lync. We will be ordering equipment once each week on Fridays.

**Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Rae-Anne Montague**

Thanks to all students and faculty mentors for service on committees and via School, campus, and community groups during the year. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Meg Edwards was pleased to receive feedback on "catchy" course descriptions. She is working with Milt & Kim to revise and include frequency and links to syllabi. She will be in touch for additional faculty input soon.

Roy Brooks will be updating fields of interest for practicum advising this summer. This is a good opportunity for faculty to work with students on connecting theory and practice. [http://www.lis.illinois.edu/academics/practicum/faculty-advisors](http://www.lis.illinois.edu/academics/practicum/faculty-advisors)

Assistant Dean for Advancement, Diana Stroud –
Thank you CD’s were mailed, we have received great feedback on the quality of the CD. Our thanks to Betsy Hearne and Garret Gengler for their assistance in selecting alumni storytellers and recording the stories. Our final campaign number is $19.7M as of March 31, 2012.

ALA Reception
June 24th 6:00-8:00 P.M.
Hilton Hotel, Anaheim
LSAA Awards will be given at the reception. We will have a booth and welcome your help if you are planning to go.

SLA Reception
Location:
Bella Bacino’s,
75 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL
This is on the SLA Bus Route
Event Date:
Tue, 07/17/2012 - 5:30pm
Please let me know if you are going to SLA

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 May 1, 2012.

Curriculum Committee, Mike Twidale –
The curriculum committee considered the results of a survey of students' opinions of the GSLIS Moodle space. This will be of value in the transition to Moodle 2. One issue that emerged was that students noted that the ways that faculty design and use Moodle course space is very diverse. Inconsistency in the kinds of information provided for a course and how it is organized can be confusing for students.

Some variety in course organization in Moodle is only to be expected given the diversity of subjects taught and approaches to teaching used. Even so, it can be useful to consider some different examples of best practice, so that faculty might draw on ideas in designing a site that works for their course.

Linda Smith will work with Matt Beth and Karla Lucht to offer some recommendations and examples, based on their experience working with faculty and students and the results of the Moodle survey.

The committee also reviewed our large set of charges established at the start of the year:
https://courses.lis.illinois.edu/course/view.php?id=304

We are pleased to report that we have made substantial progress on them all. We looked at issues that the committee should address next academic year. One in particular is to consider the issue of certificates and specializations and how they fit into the curriculum in general. This involves:

- how they may affect students' understanding of the MLS as a whole
- individual students attempting to take several certificates
- effects on timetabling
- effects on degree completion time
- future possible certificates
- advising

These issues also play out as we explore various possible joint degrees.

Doctoral Studies Committee, Les Gasser –
PH.D. ANNUAL REVIEWS
Completed reviews were due April 30 (Monday). Many reports came in but about 15 remain outstanding. DSC review of these reports is now in process and will be completed very soon; it won't be extended. Please get outstanding reports in by the end of this week at the very latest. The alternative is a "No 2012 report received/progress unknown" letter.

BERNER-NASH AWARD
Berner-Nash Award review, though running late, is in process and will be completed soon.
DOCTORAL EXCHANGE VISITS PROPOSALS
Once again, even with the extended Spring due date, the DSC got no responses to the call for Doctoral Exchange Visits proposals. The next due date is August 31 for Fall Semester visits. See: http://www.lis.illinois.edu/academics/programs/phd/doctoral_student_exchange

Since it seems there may be very limited interest at GSLIS for these visits, we will be creating an alternative use for the Grad College funds as a contingency plan in case we get no proposals.

DSC PROCESS/WEBSITE UPDATES
We are continuing to make updates to the DSC website and DSC processes to make them clearer and more regularized year-to-year and to ease the year-to-year handoff.