ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT DEANS’ REPORTS

Associate Dean for Research, Allen Renear –

Research Services welcomes you back
Research Services would like to remind you that if you need help with any aspect of a project, large or small, funded or unfunded, please contact the Coordinator of Research Services, Janet Eke jeke@illinois.edu), or the ADR, Allen Renear (renear@illinois.edu). If you are planning a grant proposal please let us know as soon as possible. For more information: http://www.lis.illinois.edu/research/services

Some preliminary results on grant proposals submitted in FY10
In FY10,
-- we submitted 39 proposals, one short of twice as many as in FY09
-- we asked for $18.5M, 6 times as much as in FY09
-- our success rate on these (so far) is 50%, with 9 proposals still pending
-- we've been awarded $3M (from FY10 submissions), with $4.5M in requests pending
-- ICR to be realized by GSLIS from awarded FY10 proposals: $350K (so far)

So at this point a total of $3.5M will be realized from proposals submitted in FY10, with 9 proposals still pending.

Associate Dean for Academic Programs, Linda Smith –

Some updates as we begin a new academic year:
1. There is a strong demand for our graduate programs. The increase from two to three groups of LEEP students in cohort 15 in summer 2010 means that we have more students pursuing the LEEP option this fall. Data from DMI for fall 2010 on-campus enrollments shows 319 students, compared to 288 at the same time last fall. We do not yet have DMI data for fall LEEP enrollments. The fall LEEP on-campus session will be October 14-18.

2. The deadline for finalizing the spring 2011 schedule is October 1, so I will be working with full-time and adjunct faculty over the next month to develop a schedule that reflects likely demand for courses in the spring.

3. Over the next year we will be preparing for a comprehensive review of our M.S. program by the ALA Committee on Accreditation. The faculty has already been engaged in review of the GSLIS mission statement (August 2009) and M.S. program goals and objections (August 2010). We will be involving faculty, staff, students, and alumni in preparing the program presentation and interacting with the external review panel. The timeline for the process includes:
October 3, 2010 - Plan for program presentation
June 5, 2011 - Draft program presentation
August 22, 2011 - Final program presentation
October 3-4, 2011 - Site visit by the External Review Panel
January 2012 - GSLIS administrators meet with the Committee on Accreditation at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Dallas

4. Both GSLIS and the Graduate College encourage graduate students to present at conferences. GSLIS is limited to submitting five applications to the Graduate College each fall and spring on behalf of GSLIS students, and these Graduate College Conference Travel Awards do not exceed $300. The deadline for submitting an application to GSLIS for fall is September 20 (please submit to Linda Smith or Valerie Youngen) and we will select five to forward to the Graduate College by their September 27 deadline. The GSLIS policy for Student Travel Support can be found at:

http://www.lis.illinois.edu/about-gslis/policies/travel-student.

5. Please note that campus policy requires students to purchase CISI insurance for a minimal charge through the Study Abroad Office if they travel outside the United States under University sponsorship. More information about the CISI insurance can be found at the Study Abroad Office site (http://www.studyabroad.illinois.edu/) under Information for Current Students. The Study Abroad Office also encourages faculty and staff to register with SAO when they go abroad.

Assistant Dean for Communications, Cindy Ashwill –

The recruitment materials have been redesigned, and the bookmarks and fast facts have been received. The remainder of the materials should be received in September with some to follow in October. Goals for year include continuing to enhance the GSLIS website, both in terms of content and presentation; using social media to make new connections with alumni and students; and expanding the School’s print-on-demand offerings. Faculty are asked to watch for messages concerning campus awards (most recently the CAEPE Award and the Illinois International Awards) and suggest GSLIS nominees as appropriate.

Assistant Dean for Infrastructure, Erik Hege – no report submitted

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Rae-Anne Montague -

Student Affairs has been bustling throughout the summer. In addition to advising current students and providing support for those graduating, we welcomed 320 new students into LEEP and on-campus programs.

Currently, students are in the midst of finalizing study plans and exploring extracurricular activities for fall. Orgapalooza is planned for tomorrow, Sept 2. Plans are also underway for the fall LEEP on-campus session, Oct 14-18. LEEP Dinner will be Saturday, October 16 at the University YMCA.
I am pleased to report that the Advancement Office ended the fiscal year on a positive note in spite of a very difficult economy. We raised $1.3 M in private, corporate and foundation support for GSLIS. This brings us to 90% of our $15M Brilliant Futures Campaign goal. Our goal for the coming year is to raise $1.5M to reach the end of our Brilliant Futures Campaign which does not officially end until December 31, 2012. Just as an FYI, this total does not include any dollars brought in by our continuing education programs.

With respect to the number of donors and annual fund contributions to GSLIS once again we were one of the few units who saw an increase in both areas. GSLIS was also one of only a couple of units on this campus who hold a faculty-staff campaign, so many thanks to all who helped make our campaign a great success by either running the campaign and/or donating. Every gift is important to our School, no matter the size.

A reminder to faculty as we begin another year, if you are making contacts and/or developing proposals with private foundations and corporations our office is responsible for documenting that information in our campus FACTS system. Please provide information to Sharon Johnson, who will document the information and make the necessary campus contacts. It is best to do this earlier rather than later or after the fact.

We have made major progress in engaging corporate support for faculty research with recent agreements from State Farm, Google and Caterpillar. We hope to extend that success even further this year. With respect to Corporate Engagement we are also working on several continuing education courses for corporate employees that we think will bolster the financial support GSLIS receives through continuing education. Our Corporate Roundtable will continue this year. Our first session is on September 10, 2010 and will be given by GSLIS Alumni, Roger Strouse, Vice President and Lead Analyst for Outsell, Inc. Roger will speak about “Corporate Libraries in Transition: What’s Next for Information Management and Librarians?”

Jon Gant has agreed to work with the Advancement and Communications offices to determine an active and appropriate use of social networking to engage both our students and our alumni. This has been a goal of ours for the past couple of years and we are very pleased to have support from a faculty member and perhaps students in bringing these ideas to fruition.

Soon you will see additional information on our web site relating to student scholarships and fellowships that are available through GSLIS. Our office will be working with Cindy to get this information about the awards and the donors who gave them on our financial aid web page. We are also developing our donor page to allow a drop down list of endowments that you can donate to by category. For example; if you are interested in giving to a student scholarship, when you click on that designation all of the possible funds will drop down for your review. We hope this will be a great resource for our donors and those interested in knowing what funds currently exist.
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Masters students – representative TBA

CAS students – representative TBA

PhD students, Caroline Nappo – nothing to report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Doctoral Studies Committee, Lori Kendall –

There were two main issues discussed at the first DSC meeting of the year:
1. Field exam times have been set for this semester and will have been sent to core faculty and PhD students by the time you read this.

2. The DSC plans to increase our focus on recruitment. We would like to solicit faculty concerns and suggestions, and may also ask for assistance in gathering information.