University of Illinois Library School Alumni Association  
Board of Directors Conference Call  
Wednesday, February 18, 2009  
3:00 – 4:11 p.m.

**Minutes**

**Attendees:**  
**Board members:** Mary Ellen Davis, Julie Derden, Cynthia Helms, Jane Kauzlaric, Mary Jane Petrowski, Donna Schaal  
**Ex Officio:** Kim Anderson, Diana Stroud, John Unsworth  
**Absent:** Patti Grove, Sujin Huggins, Irene Hoffmann, Mike Ragen, Gwenn Weaver

I. **Welcome and Changes to the Agenda**  
President Julie Derden convened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. Dean’s update was moved to the top of the agenda.

II. **Update from the Dean**  
GSLIS is facing a 3% ($160K) budget recession this year and an additional 3%+ next year. Public education in Illinois will receive $1.8 – $2 billion in stimulus funding but it is not clear how the money will be distributed. It will not come directly to UIUC. Faculty are being encouraged to reactive research proposals to commit National Science Foundation (NSF) money in 120 days and the campus will see some benefit from this activity.

The tuition waiver policy for graduate assistants will not change since it would involve renegotiating labor contracts. GSLIS realized $4 million in tuition revenue, evenly split between LEEP students and on-campus students. The school foregoes $130 million in tuition revenue because of the graduate assistantship program.

The University Library is facing a 10-15% recession. Service points are being reduced, including the Library Science departmental library. This space will be given over to the Illinois Informatics Institute (headed by J. Unsworth) in August 2009 as the University library seeks to re-dedicate space to support more scholarly collaboration with faculty and students.

Faculty hiring: searches for two new faculty hires in informatics are concluding.

Admissions: GSLIS has received a record number of applications (>300) this year. Applicants for the doctoral program are very strong, but the school is beginning to see placement issues.

III. **Minutes**  
The minutes from the December 2008 board meeting were approved with corrections.

IV. **Treasurer’s Report**  
There is currently $10K remaining in the Busey checking account. LSAA allocated $1,900 for the spring newsletter, but the newsletter may not be produced due to budget cuts. The budget spreadsheet will be created and the budget will be revised to reflect a $1900 allocation for all communication.
V. **Follow Up: Action Items from 12/15 Board Meeting (Chicago)**

*Tassel Project:* Tassels are $6-$8 apiece with no quantity discount. Lead time to be determined for next board meeting. The project would allow students to purchase a tassel and donate a gift to any current fund. The project implementation may be deferred until year.

*LSAA Alum-Student Connection Bulletin Boards*
Derden is checking on whether these two bulletin boards can be collapsed into one. This item was tabled for discussion until the April 2009 meeting.

VI. **Project Reports**

*Handbook for Constituent Groups (Jane Kauzlaric, Diana Stroud, Gwenn Weaver)*
The Board provided feedback on the draft and suggested that the handbook address money and other support provided by GSLIS. Several questions were raised (i.e., possibility of funding regional events, endowment funding for operational costs) and will be re-visited at the April 2009 meeting.

*Call for Chicago Host Sites for Alternate Spring Break*
Stroud invited suggestions for the March 26, 2009 wrap-up social event scheduled for 5:30-7:00 pm. Davis and Petrowski are available to host.

VII. **Awards Committee**
The 2009 LSAA Awards Committee has been constituted with five members. Applications are due April 1, 2009. Applications will be reviewed by April 30 and the recipients will be announced at the April LSAA meeting. Award recipients will be notified by phone and mail and will receive their awards at the GSLIS reception at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago (July 2009). A call for nominations appeared in the February 2009 e-update. No awards will be given if the pool is weak.

*Nominating Committee*
Two people have been appointed to the committee. The slate to be filled includes the vice president and two directors-at-large. One candidate is needed for each office. If a potential nominee is on the Nominating Committee, s/he must resign to be appointed.

VIII. **New Business and Future Meetings**

*Bylaws*
The Board did a virtual vote on the bylaws changes. We now need a vote to take the bylaws changes to membership. Julie Derden will send this item out for a virtual vote. If the document is posted to Moodle, the Board can easily review.

*Next Meeting*
The next meeting will be held on April 30, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Location to be determined.

*Remote Attendees*
The Board briefly discussed Skype and other options for remote meeting participants.
IX. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jane Petrowski
Secretary

April 16, 2009
### Follow-Up Actions

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