

**Minutes of Brown Bag with DLIS Chair**  
**April 22, 2009**

**Present:** Judith Robinson (Chair), Nick Brodnicki, Sarah Crevelling, Raymond Rohring, Joe Riggie, and Nathan Tallman

**Accreditation**

A student asked what might happen if the program were not reaccredited. The Chair explained the various options available to the COA if that were to occur, but that she felt DLIS would receive full accreditation. In the unlikely case that accreditation were withdrawn, current students would have up to twenty-four (24) months after the date of the COA meeting at which the withdrawal action was taken to complete the program and receive a degree from an accredited program.

**DLIS Chair Candidate**

A student asked if the open DLIS Chair position was a twelve-month position, due to language in advertisement. The Chair explained that the position is a ten-month, full-time faculty position. The twelve-months in the ad referred to twelve-month duty, as opposed to regular faculty's 10-month duty. Later during the brown bag, the Chair mentioned the start date for the new Chair would be August 15.

A student asked if the new Chair would continue the brown bags. The Chair responded that students would need to ask the new chair.

**Open Forum Report/Student Survey**

A student asked about the best way to continue the faculty-student dialog on the Open Forum Report and LIS GSA Student Survey. The Chair explained that it could be added to the agenda for the first Council meeting in September. Also, the Chair suggested students work with Dr. Delia on the analyzing the survey results.

A student asked for clarification of one item included in the faculty response to the Open Form Report: "Adjustments in teaching based on course evaluations of full-time faculty must emanate from the faculty member himself or herself." The Chair explained that it is up to the individual faculty member to determine how to use course evaluations, including adjustments to content or delivery. Furthermore, the Chair stated that tenured faculty does not have mandatory performance appraisals and that faculty report to the Dean, not the Chair.

**Program Specializations**

The faculty response to the Open Form Report stated that there are no specializations or traks in DLIS outside of SLMS. Students report to the Chair that this is not apparent on the DLIS website, as there is a webpage about specializations, and that it is a common misperception, reinforced in classes. Students discussed that it was confusing, especially to new students. The Chair suggested that students work with her over the summer on a rewrite of the specializations webpage that can be presented to Council. Sarah Crevelling and Nick Brodnicki volunteered to work on this.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nathan Tallman