UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES
Ad Hoc Ph.D. COMMITTEE CHARGE 2011-2012

The Ph.D. Committee is a standing committee of the School of Library and Information Studies. The Ph.D. Committee serves in an advisory capacity for matters pertaining to the development of an OU SLIS Ph.D. program and makes recommendations to the Director and the faculty relative to the consideration of the said program. In particular, the Committee is charged with reviewing and addressing infrastructural needs of developing and maintaining a Ph.D program within OU SLIS.

For 2011-2012, the Ph.D. Committee is specifically requested to accomplish the following:

1. Continue to work on identifying university requirements for establishing a new Ph.D. program

2. Evaluate local, national, and international needs for a Ph.D. program:
   - Conduct and analyze a focus group with SLIS alumni as to their desire to obtain a Ph.D. and collect data as to possible areas of focus for the Ph.D. program (OU SLIS PhD World Café, August 8th, 2011)
   - Develop a formal system of collecting data from current students and alumni that pertains to local student demand

3. Explore opportunities for external grant opportunities to fund potential Ph.D. students and faculty research. The committee also urges that such funding is related to research funding rather than teaching grants in order to help facilitate a research environment that is both intellectually and fiscally sustainable.

4. Continues to evaluate comparable Ph.D. programs to identify key elements of a Ph.D. design

5. Provide recommendations for “branding” the SLIS Ph.D. program

6. Develop a potential infrastructural design for the Ph.D. program to recommend to SLIS faculty (e.g. program milestones or stages (admissions, yearly review, advancement to candidacy, etc.)

7. Design a potential program structure (e.g. coursework, admissions criteria, criteria for advancing to candidacy, etc.)