The Ph.D. Committee is an ad hoc 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 2012-2013, the Ph.D. Committee is specifically requested to accomplish the following:

1. 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.)

   **Outcome:** The committee reviewed and discussed the Graduate College’s Graduate College Bulletin (2012-2013) for Graduate College and University Requirements for Ph.D. programs. The information in the Bulletin was used to planning tool around which a potential program structure (course work) could be designed.

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

   **Outcome:** The committee developed a draft of potential coursework and stages of an OU SLIS Ph.D. program. The draft includes Grad College and University requirements and examples of Ph.D. course work at various stages. The draft was developed with students who already had a Master’s degree in mind.

3. Complete a compilation of external funding opportunities that are relevant to LIS at state and national levels.

   **Outcome:** The committee met and discussed various approaches to funding a Ph.D. program over a five-year period through research and teaching grants. Specific programs were identified as potential resources: IMLS Capacity Building Grant, IMLS Early Career Grant, and the IMLS Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Grant (Education and Research—Ph.D. programs).

Suggested charges for next year:

- Continue designing a potential program structure (e.g. coursework, admissions criteria, criteria for advancing to candidacy, etc.) for faculty recommendations and feedback.
- Work with curriculum committee to address ways the MLIS curriculum and Ph.D. curriculum could compliment each other in an effective manner.
- Complete a draft application for a new Ph.D. program