Mission

2008 – 2011 Revised Goals and Objectives
Based on SLIS-Indianapolis faculty input from planning sessions in 2007
(Faculty members noted are responsible for guiding actions to implement the objective and to establish outcome measures.)

Mission, Goals and Objectives
Response to Budgetary Planning Questions
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The School offers the Master of Library Science (MLS) degree on the Indianapolis campus as well as courses for completion of school media and public librarianship certification and joint degree programs with SPEA, Law, Philanthropic Studies, Health Informatics, and History. The Indianapolis MLS program is jointly accredited with the Bloomington MLS program by the American Library Association. Full re-accreditation was granted in 2005 to continue through 2012.

The Indianapolis program has responsibility for development and delivery of SLIS graduate courses through distance education including the use of the Virtual Indiana Classroom, OnCourse, and the Internet.

The Mission of the School (2005)

The Indiana University School of Library and Information Science is committed to fostering excellence and innovation in the education of information professionals, the creation of new knowledge, and service to a diverse society in a dynamically changing global information environment.

To this end, it has adopted these statements to further define the mission:
To educate students, through library and information science courses, mentoring and field experiences, for fulfilling careers; professional leadership; lifelong learning; social responsibility; and technological mastery.

To contribute new knowledge and advance science through library and information science research, with a particular interest in user-centered approaches; social, behavioral, and technological perspectives; interdisciplinary collaboration; and the role of information in society.

To serve, in keeping with our responsibilities as professionals, our state and local constituencies; the library and information science profession; and society, by promoting universal information access.

To create a climate within the School that fosters intellectual engagement, openness and exploration, respect, support, and diversity.

To meet the challenge of a complex, changing and interconnected world through ongoing dialogue, scholarly communication, civic engagement, and self assessment.

Accomplished Goals (2001 - 2006)

In cooperation with SLIS at IUB, hosted a successful re-accreditation review and have received full re-accreditation for the MLS program in association with IUB through 2012.

Approved, established and now advertising new joint degree programs between the SLIS MLS and graduate certificates or degrees with SPEA, Law, Philanthropic Studies, and Medical Informatics.

Approved joint governance document with SLIS at IUB, as well as promotion and tenure guidelines and annual review guidelines for salary decisions at SLIS-Indianapolis.

The Indianapolis program gained a representative position on the three member SLIS Faculty Policy Council, and most of the Indianapolis faculty serve on at least one SLIS committee.

The Indianapolis program was recognized by the School of Library and Information Science Alumni Board and offered a liaison position on the Board equivalent to the Associate Dean on the Bloomington campus.

Hired ten full-time faculty members, several involved in campus committee service for planning and evaluation, graduate academic affairs, affirmative action, public relations, civic engagement, and faculty governance. A new faculty member will begin January 1, 2008, and an additional faculty position will be re-advertised.

Established a regular symposium series in cooperation with the Indianapolis Marion County Public Library to address literacy and philanthropic issues related to public library community service.

Established a regular delivery of graduate courses...
Established a regular delivery of graduate courses over interactive television and the Internet.

Michael Witt, a 2006 graduate of the Indianapolis program, was named an Emerging Leader by the American Library Association.

* Doubled Annual Numbers - 2001 to 2006

Annual number of students taking classes per semester has increased from 250 to 340. Proposed changes in Indiana public librarian certification requirements could contribute to continued increases in enrollment.

MLS degrees awarded from 67 to 111 (projected to 140 by 2010)

Number of courses delivered annually increased from 35 to 90

Number of courses delivered over interactive television or the Internet has increased from 2 to 18

Amount of dollars won for teaching, service, research, or fellowships has increased from $70,000 to over $1,400,000. Two federal grants were awarded: Rachel Applegate, Assistant Professor, received $749,346 and Katherine Schilling, Assistant Professor, received $730,275, both three-year grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Student scholarship dollars received from competitive sources outside of SLIS have increased from $3,000 to $65,000 annually.

Percentage of minority students has increased from 2% of 250 to 6% of 340 (goal of 8% of 500 by 2010)

90% of graduates placed in Indiana libraries, a steady number not likely to change.

* Goals and Objectives

See the document attached.

* Fiscal Health

* Reallocation Plan

* Other Question(s)

1) Diversity. In the past year (July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007) what actions have you taken and what results have you achieved in retaining and graduating a diverse student body; enhancing diversity in research, scholarship, and creative activity; and recruiting, developing, and supporting diverse faculty and staff?
2) *International activities.* Over the past year, in what international projects and activities have your faculty, staff, and students engaged? What new efforts have been undertaken to internationalize the curriculum?