
LANDMARKS IN SLIS HISTORY
1961 – 2011

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- May 11, 1960 The Acting University Librarian created the Committees on Academic and Administrative Aspects to study the establishment of a separate college for the training of librarians. The two committees submitted their report before the end
- January 30, 1961 The first full-time faculty position in library science, that of associate professor, was created by virtue of the Board of Regents' resolution in its 683rd meeting.
- April 1, 1961 A full-time faculty member, Ms. Consuelo Damaso, was appointed as associate professor effective this date, also by virtue of the Board of Regents' resolution in its 683rd meeting. Two other full-time faculty members were appointed subsequently, Ms. Mae L. Furbeyre and Ms. Ursula G. Picache.
- April 14, 1961 The Board of Regents, in its 685th meeting, provided "an allotment of P30,000.00 effective next June, for courses in the Institute or Division of Library Science".
- June 14, 1961 The U.P. Board of Regents, in its 686th meeting, "accepted with gratitude a grant of US\$56,795.00 from the Rockefeller Foundation through the American Library Association for the establishment of a graduate program in library science. This amount was made available during a four-year period, beginning July 1, 1961".

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- July 27, 1961 Prof. Consuelo Damaso was appointed Acting Director of the Institute by virtue of the Board of Regents' resolution in its 687th meeting.
- September 1961 Three American professors, Dr. Sarah K. Vann, Prof. D. Marie Grieco, and Mr. James C. Marvin came successively to the Institute under the ALA/Rockefeller grants to serve as consultants until September 1965.
- January 1962 The undergraduate curriculum in library science was revised; at the same time, a graduate curriculum was formulated.
- April 1962 Four ALA/RF summer study grant scholarships for three years starting this date were provided. ALA/RF aid for library science materials in its second year of operation accounted for about US\$6,000.00 worth of acquisitions.
- The University Council approved the curricula for the Bachelor of Library Science (BLS) and the Master of Library Science (MLS) degrees. The BLS degree replaced the Bachelor of Science in Library Science (BSLS). The 24-unit Spanish language requirement was implemented.
- January 1964 The Institute of Library Science (ILS) was accorded representation in the Executive Committee of the University Council.
- April 1966 ILS produced its first graduate, Ms. Herminia H. Santos in the MLS program.
- July 1, 1966 Ms. Ruby K. Mangahas was appointed Assistant Professor and Acting Director of ILS. Ms. Mae L. Furbeyre served as Acting College Secretary, 1966 to 1967.

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| November 1966 | The first issue of the <i>Newsletter</i> , a quarterly information sheet of the ILS, was published. A brochure entitled <i>Career in Librarianship</i> was put out by ILS; its second edition came out in June 1968. |
| January 28, 1967 | The University Council, in its 231 st meeting, approved the institution of two graduate courses: LIS 222 (Selection and Acquisition of Library Materials and LIS 300 (Thesis). LIS 228 (History of Children's Literature) was abolished. |
| June 1967 | The first official catalog came out in 1967-68. Subsequent issues came out in 1971-72 up to 1993-95. |
| July 1, 1967 | Dr. Ruby K. Mangahas was appointed the first full-time Director of ILS. |
| March 1, 1968 | The <i>Journal of Philippine Librarianship</i> , a semi-annual publication of the Institute, was born. |
| March 16, 1968 | The Gabriel A. Bernardo Memorial Scholarship Fund for library science was established to help deserving students pursue a career in librarianship. |
| July 15, 1968 | The ILS Faculty-Student Committee was organized to promote closer rapport between the faculty and students by virtue of UP President Carlos P. Romulo's Executive Order No. 2. |
| October 1968 | <i>FILREF (A Guide to Filipiniana Reference Sources)</i> was started under the joint auspices of ILS and the University Library with the following Committee chairpersons: Prof. Rosa M. Vallejo – General References; Prof. Clarisa C. Dimalanta – Sciences; Prof. Lourdes Y. Collantes – Social Sciences; and Mrs. Namnama P. Hidalgo – |

- Humanities.
- The MLS curriculum was restructured to fit the needs of both the library science and the non-library science graduate students by requiring library science core courses only of the latter and allowing the former to develop a subject specialization.
- April 1969 Ms. Clarisa G. Dimalanta, UP medical librarian and ILS associate professor was appointed Officer-in-Charge of ILS in place of Dr. Ruby K. Mangahas who was appointed Acting Dean of the College of Music.
- April 14-18, 1969 The ILS and UP Library jointly sponsored the first Seminar-Workshop on School Librarianship for Peace Corps volunteers.
- June 1, 1969 Ms. Herminia H. Santos was appointed Acting Secretary of ILS vice Prof. Mae L. Furbeyre who left for the University of California for a work-study program. She held on to this position until 1977, when she left the Philippines to join her husband in Munich, West Germany.
- September 22, 1969 The Social Science Research Council approved a one-year research grant for the *Filref* project in the amount of P5,560.00. Subsequently, the Social Science and Humanities Research Committee approved a P6,000.00 grant for the same project effective August 16, 1972 to August 15, 1973.
- August 22, 1970 The University Council approved the recommendation of the ILS Curriculum Committee to reduce the course unit requirements for the Master of Library Science degree from 40 to to 36 units. The change took effect in the second semester of academic year 1970-1971. Following this development, MLS Program A, which was structured for students without

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- any library science background or credits, required 30 units of LS courses, including Thesis or Special Problem, and 6 units of cognates. MLS Program B, which is for students with library science background, required 24 units of LS courses and 12 units of cognates.
- January 28, 1971 Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Regents in its 804th meeting that the title of Dean be given to all heads of units offering a four-year program or higher courses, Dr. Ursula G. Picache's position title of Director was changed to Dean.
- March 1971 The comprehensive examination required of all graduating MLS students was abolished in a meeting of the ILS faculty and in its place, LIS 271, a two-unit Seminar in Philippine Librarianship, was instituted. It was the consensus that the seminar can adequately fulfill the purpose of the examination, that is, to summarize and integrate all the knowledge obtained by the student from his previous courses. This move resulted from a petition presented by the graduate students to the Dean.
- May 13, 1971 Simple commencement exercises were held at ILS at which the BLIS graduates of 1971 were conferred their degrees and awarded their diplomas. No general commencement exercises for the entire university were held in 1971 inasmuch as an opinion survey among faculty and students showed that majority of the units preferred the unit graduation exercises over the traditional rites.
- November 1971 The first course in the field of information science was instituted. This was LS 260, Introduction to Documentation; its title was later changed to Introduction to Information Science.
- January 29, 1972 The University Council, in its 248th meeting, approved the institution of a 3-unit course on research

- methodology (LIS 299) and the renumbering of the special problem from LIS 299 to LIS 290 in the MLS curriculum.
- March 16, 1974 In recognition of the contribution of the late Professor Gabriel A. Bernardo, University Librarian and Professor Emeritus, to library education, the ILS held the first Gabriel A. Bernardo Memorial Lecture in line with its continuing education. The resource person was Mr. Alfredo D. Benipayo, chairman of the National Book Development Council of the Philippines. He spoke on the National Book Development Council, its objectives and functions, and its relation to Philippine librarianship. This activity has been continued annually nearest the birthday of Prof. Bernardo up to the present times. (Please see Appendix A for a complete list of speakers of the Gabriel A. Bernardo Memorial Lecture Series).
- May 5-16, 1975 As part of the Institute's extension program in updating skills, techniques and knowledge, the first Summer Institute on Information Science was offered. It dealt with the fundamental principles of information storage and retrieval systems. This Summer Institute has been continued up to the present, focusing on varied current topics such as: principles of abstracting, indexing, vocabulary control and searching strategies; information, information needs and uses, evaluation of information systems; advanced technology in information management, information consolidation, Internet, Web searching, Creating HTML, WINISIS, the library in a digital environment (See

Appendix B for a complete list).

- July 1977 The architect's plan and engineer's working drawings for a two-storey library science building were completed and approved but no funds were made available for capital outlay.
- July 1, 1977 Prof. Rosa M. Vallejo was appointed College Secretary. She held on to this position until August 31, 1984 after which she was appointed Dean of ILS.
- July 20, 1977 The recent innovation of requiring MLS students to present and defend their research proposals for thesis or special problem before the faculty members was first held with nine (9) proposals being approved. The faculty members came up with their collective suggestions for the improvement of these.
- October 1977 A preliminary and limited edition of Parts I and II of the *Guide to Filipiniana Reference Sources* was published for dissemination. These included references for General Works and Social Sciences. Code-named *Filref*, the *Guide* is a long-standing project of ILS and is an annotated, classified bibliography of Filipiniana sources basic to research.
- November 1977 The first recipient of the Gabriel A. Bernardo Memorial Scholarship was Ms. Lourdes A. Depita, an MLS student.
- August 7, 1978 The Post-Graduate Training Course for Science Information Specialists in Southeast Asia (PGTCSIS) began with ILS as host institution. This nine-month full-time study program was offered with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Unesco, the British Council and the National Science Development Board (NSDB). This was designed to provide intensive

training in information handling to those who are or will be employed in information centers, documentation centers, libraries, resource centers, and databanks in the countries of Southeast Asia. Professor A. Neelameghan, a Unesco expert and head of the Documentation Research and Training Centre (DRTC) in Bangalore, India, served as the coordinator. This program was held yearly up to academic year 1983-1984.

June 27, 1979

Eight new courses were approved by the ILS faculty for institution. One was in the BLS program and seven, in the graduate program. This was in line with the thrust towards social and economic development and to enhance the information science program of ILS. Simultaneously, three (3) course titles were changed as well as their course contents.

October 15-November 12, 1979

The first Unesco Regional Training Course in Computerized Documentation System/Integrated Set of Information Systems (CDS/ISIS) was conducted at the Agricultural Resource Center (ARC) in Los Baños, Laguna under the joint auspices of the ILS, ARC and Agricultural Information Bank for Asia (SEARCA/AIBA). Subsequent regional training programs jointly sponsored by Unesco and ILS were conducted on various topics such as Accessibility and Dissemination of Data, Standards for Information Handling, Audiovisual and Computer-Assisted Instructional Aids in Library and Information Science Courses, Seminar on Information User Orientation, Seminar on Information Sources, Systems and Services in the Social Sciences, Seminar on Local Data Bases and Their Use, Seminar-Workshop on the Application of Microcomputers to Library and Information Management, Seminar-Workshop on Integrated Microcomputer Software for Library and Information Services in Developing Countries (See

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- Appendix D for a complete list).
- August 11-18, 1980 A Unesco/IFLA pre-conference on library education programmes in developing countries was held at the Asian Institute of Tourism House in Quezon City. This was organized by the Division of Education and Research of IFLA with financial assistance from Unesco and the administrative support of ILS.
- November 17-28, 1980 UPILS, Unesco National Commission of the Philippines and the Division of General Information Programme of Unesco sponsored the first Asian Regional Seminar on the Application of Modern Technology to Library and Information Processing at the Alumni Hostel Conference Hall, Diliman, Quezon City.
- April 18, 1981 The First ILS Summer Graduate Circle, composed mainly of graduate students of library science enrolled in the Summer of 1981, was organized.
- August 29, 1981 The UPILISSA, an organization of library science undergraduate students, graduate students, and participants of the fourth Post-Graduate Training Course for Science Information Specialists in Southeast Asia, was first organized. For the first time, an Indonesian graduate student, Mustafa Laoccong, was elected president.
- September 26, 1981 The ILS and UP Library Science Alumni Association sponsored the inaugural lecture-forum wherein UP President Edgardo J. Angara delivered a lecture on Graduate Education in the University of the Philippines on the occasion of the Jubilee year celebration of ILS.
- May 3, 1982 The University Council approved the offering of new courses in ILS: LS 264 (Media Technology in Library and Information Science), LS 299.1 (Quantitative Methods in Library and Information Science), and

- November 19, 1982 LS 274 (Seminar in Special Librarianship). The course title of LS 273, Seminar in Adult Education and Librarianship was changed to Seminar in Public Librarianship.
- November 19, 1982 ILS honored Prof. A. Neelameghan, Project Coordinator of the Post-Graduate Training Course for Science Information Specialists at a farewell dinner at the Jade Valley Restaurant, Quezon City. Prof. Neelameghan left for Unesco (Paris) on November 21 for a new assignment.
- June 10, 1983 ILS hosted the sixth and the last Post-Graduate Training Course for Science Information Specialists with nineteen participants from nine Asian countries including the Philippines.
- October 17-20, 1983 Unesco General Information Programme convened the Third Meeting of the UNISIST Working Group on the Technology of Systems Interconnection at the Asian Institute of Tourism, Quezon City. The meeting was hosted by ILS and the National Science and Technology Authority (NSTA). Fourteen specialists met to consider and recommend appropriate measures to strengthen the potential for information systems interconnection and information and data exchange in the Asia-Pacific region.
- November 1983 ILS added a seminar room and faculty room to its quarters. The library was expanded with the provision of a work area and the librarian's lounge area.
- March 9, 1984 Five final case studies on computerized information systems were presented by the sixth and last batch of PGTCSIS participants. Nineteen experts in various aspects of library and information work served as review panelists.

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- March 17, 1984 Nineteen participants from nine Asian countries including the Philippines successfully completed the last PGTCSIS course conducted by ILS. The simple graduation exercises were held at the Asian Institute of Tourism with Acting Chancellor Ernesto G. Tabujara as guest speaker. The training course which started in 1978 had produced a total of 148 information specialists from 14 Asian countries including the
- June 1984 Unesco had made available funds for fellowships for graduate study in LIS for selected students from the Asian region in 1984-85.
- September 1, 1984 Prof. Rosa M. Vallejo was appointed Dean of ILS. She succeeded Dr. Ursula G. Picache whose term of office ended on April 30, 1984. Prof. Juan C. Buenrostro, Jr. succeeded Prof. Vallejo as College Secretary on this same date. He held on to this position until October 31, 1991.
- November 1984 UPILS resumed to offer the undergraduate courses in the second semester, 1984-1985 after a two-year temporary suspension of the undergraduate program. Two undergraduate courses were offered: LS 101 (Introduction to Librarianship) and LS 122 (Book Selection and Acquisition).
- April 23, 1985 The UP Board of Regents, on recommendation of the UP President, approved the appointment of Dr. Ursula G. Picache as the first Diamond Jubilee Professor of Library Science.
- May 22, 1985 The faculty and staff of the Institute of Library Science were commissioned by the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women to develop a Thesaurus on Filipino Women. The preliminary edition came out in 1987.

- August 19, 1985 Dean Rosa M. Vallejo was presented the University of Michigan Alumni Recognition Award at Palmers Towers, Chicago in recognition of her international leadership in the library profession.
- November 18, 1985 The results of the user study conducted by ILS for INNERTAP Regional Secretariat PNOC-ERDC entitled, A Survey of Institutional Facilities and Information Programs and Users' Information Needs and Uses of Institutions Involved in New and Renewable Sources of Energy, were presented.
- November 25-29, 1985 The Meeting of the Experts on the Proposed Archival Science Training Centre 1985 for Asia and the Pacific was held in Manila with Dean Vallejo representing ILS. The experts unanimously recommended that the Centre be established within the University of the Philippines to be attached to the Institute of Library Science.
- April 20, 1986 ILS awarded for the first time certificates of recognition to 14 graduating library science students during simple recognition rites held at the Benitez Memorial Center.
- August 8, 1986 The ILS faculty approved the revised BLS curriculum integrating the new General Education (GE) courses after careful deliberation. The revised BLS curriculum had a total of 135 units from the previous 132 units.
- March 18-29, 1987 The first Summer Institute on Library and Information Services was organized as ILS' contribution to continuing education on special areas in librarianship. The topics discussed were: introduction to librarianship, collection development, and cataloging and classification. The participants consisted of

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- librarians from the Bible and theological schools all over the country. This program has been continued up to the present, focusing on topics such as managing and servicing information, abstracting and indexing, non-print materials and electronic media: their organization for effective use (See Appendix C for the complete list).
- June 10, 1987 ILS completed a study for the Association of Special Librarians of the Philippines entitled, A Survey of the Position Classification and Salaries of Librarians in Special Libraries in Metro Manila. This was presented by Dean Vallejo in the semi-annual conference of the Association.
- July 1987 Unesco designated UPILS as the Philippine distribution center of the Micro-CDS/ISIS software package. UPILS received and processed local requests for the software, with Unesco granting final approval and assigning the license number. The software itself with the accompanying documentation was supplied through the ILS.
- November 9-20, 1987 ILS conducted CDS/ISIS training course for HERDIN participants at the UP Computer Center.
- November 19, 1987 President Jose V. Abueva visited ILS and had a dialogue with the faculty, students and staff regarding decent quarters for ILS and the low salary of librarians.
- 1988 ILS became a member of the National Interagency Group of INNERTAP, the renewable energy information network in Asia and the Pacific, based at PNOC-ERDC. Ms. Patricia B. Carino and Prof.

- Rosalie B. Faderon served as chairpersons of two of INNERTAP's technical working groups.
- January 4-9, 1988 The ILS hosted the meeting to discuss the results of the Testing and Evaluation of the Unesco Teaching Package on the Application of Information Handling Standards at the Asian Institute of Tourism, UP Diliman. Eight participants from six cooperating institutions in Asia attended the meeting. As project coordinator, ILS supervised the testing and evaluation of the teaching package which took twelve months to finish. The teaching package which consisted of 12 modules covered various aspects of information handling activities and existing national and international information handling standards. Each module contained teaching notes, transparency materials, glossary and bibliography, which the teachers could readily use, modify or adapt to suit their particular needs.
- February 16, 1988 Upon recommendation of the UP President, the UP Board of Regents approved the appointment of Dean Vallejo as the second MMC Diamond Jubilee Professor of Library Science.
- March 1988 The University of Michigan School of Library and Information Studies adopted ILS as its sister school. Under the terms of this relationship, ILS received back issues of the ALISE journal and a 2-year subscription to it beginning 1988 as well as other relevant publications.
- May 1988 The ILS acquired a Philips CD-ROM player CM 100 and software donation from the Office of the Unesco Regional Adviser for the General Information Program

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- /ASTINFO Secretariat to enhance the teaching capability of the Institute in information technology. ILS also acquired one 30 mb hard disk and EPSON FX-1050 printer.
- June 1988 ILS announced its ongoing projects: inputting of the *Filref* project using the Micro-CDS/ISIS software package, completion of the reference manual for data entry of the *Filref* project, and the computerization of ILS academic records and library operations.
- ILS faculty, Prof. Juan C. Buenrostro, Jr. and Prof. Rosalie B. Faderon, experimented on the use of Filipino as a medium of instruction in some undergraduate library science courses, particularly LIS 51, 71 and 162 in compliance with UPD Chancellor Tabujara's memorandum on language policy. This was done in school year 1988-89.
- June 4-22, 1988 ILS, represented by Dean Vallejo, Prof. Rosalie B. Faderon and Ms. Patricia B. Cariño, went on a Unesco mission to Nepal to organize short-term courses in the more practical aspects of library work to upgrade the skills of the present staff in establishing basic library and documentation services in key institutions and to make a comprehensive study of the library and documentation requirements of Nepal with reference to manpower and training.
- August 1988 A new internal ILS newsheet, *What's New ...* came out to update the faculty, students and staff of ILS on the latest developments in information technology-related activities. This was Ms. Patricia B. Cariño's brainchild.

- November 1988 A laboratory room inside the ILS Library was completed. The air-conditioned room which housed the cataloging, selection, and reference tools, audiovisuals, and two microcomputers served as laboratory area for library science students doing practice exercise in cataloging, selection, and reference courses.
- March 30 -
April 5, 1989 A six-day training course was conducted by ILS for the members of the Congressional Library Staff at the House of Representatives in Quezon City. This was exclusively packaged for the library staff to provide the skills and techniques needed in reorganizing the Congressional Library collection.
- May 1989 A special training course on the use of the Micro-CDS/ISIS software package was conducted by ILS for the Presidential Management Staff of the Office of the President.
- December 1989 The Diploma in Librarianship (Specialization in Law and Health Sciences) was instituted in response to the demand for librarians with special training in health sciences and law.
- February 5-
March 30, 1990 ILS conducted a special training course on basic information work for Ms. K.C.Gujeswari of the National Agricultural Research and Services Center, Kathmandu, Nepal. The course comprised modules on basic information work, information technology, CDS/ISIS and guided study tours to various agricultural libraries and information centers in Laguna and Metro Manila. Her training was funded by Winrock International.

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- May 21-25, 1990 ILS organized a seminar-workshop on technology, media and the library in cooperation and with the support of the National Film Board of Canada, the Canadian Embassy in the Philippines, the Canadian Commission for Unesco, and the Canadian International Development Agency. Mr. Donald Bidd, Chief Librarian of the National Film Board of Canada, conducted the seminar-workshop.
- October 15-19, 1990 UPILS organized and conducted the Introductory Course on Mini-Micro CDS/ISIS at the request of the Planning Service of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for its agencies and bureaus. This was held at the MISD Training Room, DENR.
- October 22-26, 1990 ILS organized the Training Course on Mini-Micro CDS/ISIS and the Philippine Human Resources Development Planning Network Database for the Institute for Labor Studies, Dept. of Labor and Management at the National Engineering Center.
- November 1990 ILS started to offer two diploma courses – the Diploma in Health Sciences Librarianship and the Diploma in Law Librarianship – to provide formal training in the two areas and to develop the requisite skills and competencies of those who will be employed in health sciences and law libraries.
- In late November 1990, ILS conducted and completed its academic and management review in compliance with the UP Diliman Chancellor's memorandum no. 29 dated July 9, 1990. The review was essentially a “self-study and self-

renewal” undertaken by the ILS faculty to obtain data that could be used by the University in planning UP's growth and development in the decade 1991-2000. It covered two areas of concern – the unit's external and internal efficiency. Two of the ten recommendations drawn up were: 1) that ILS should have a separate quarters/building; and 2) that its present name be changed to College of Library and Information Studies.

November 26-30,
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A training course on the theme, “Overview of Information Work with Emphasis on Information Processing was organized and conducted by UPILS upon the request of the International Training Network for Water and Waste Management (ITN) Philippines to give the participants an overview of library and information services, introduce them to the basic aspects of networking, train them in indexing and abstracting, and introduce them to the application of computer technology to library and information services. Twenty one participants representing eleven institutions involved in water supply and sanitation attended the course which was held at the Local Water Utilities Administration Auditorium in Quezon City.

The ILS Library came out with the following publications: *CARLIS*, *Library Update*, *Reserve Booklist*, *List of Theses and Special Problems*.

February 28, 1991

The External Review Committee for ILS, constituted by UP Diliman Chancellor Jose V. Abueva on January 3, 1991 through Administrative Order No. 4, submitted its report. The Committee, composed of

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Atty. Myrna S. Feliciano, Mrs. Belen B. Angeles, and Dr. Delia Barcelona, considered not only the ILS Internal Review Report but also the recommendations of the Committee to Review Academic Programs in the UP System (CRAP) Report in 1981, the Project Findings and Recommendations of Unesco on the PGTCISIS in Southeast Asia (1978-1984) as well as additional data from the University Registrar and the University Budget Office. Some of the recommendations of the Committee were: 1) ILS conduct a thorough evaluation of its curriculum to identify gaps and to serve as a basis for future plans and programs; 2) design strategies on how to meet the demand for professional librarians throughout the country; 3) the University should provide the required moral and materials support to enable ILS to carry out its mission effectively and efficiently; and 4) specific recommendations on instruction, curriculum, student enrollment, research, extension and facilities.

July 24, 1991

The ILS faculty considered favorably the proposed series of activities in celebration of the 30th (pearl) anniversary of ILS: 1) November 20, 1991 – opening ceremonies and first professorial chair lecture; 2) December 1991 – symposium on library and information science education; 3) January 1992 – symposium on trends in library research in the Philippines; 4) February 1992 – UPLISSA community outreach program; 5) March 1992 – second professorial chair lecture and 14th Gabriel A. Bernardo Memorial Lecture; and 6) closing ceremonies and ILS Recognition Day.

- September 1991 In a meeting called by Vice Chancellor for Administration Oscar Evangelista and attended by Dean Vallejo, Prof. Ma. Divina Pascua-Cruz and Mrs. Belen B. Angeles, University Librarian, the latter agreed to let ILS occupy the south wing of the 3rd floor of Gonzalez Hall as soon as the College of Fine Arts vacates the area.
- November 1, 1991 Prof. Rosalie B. Faderon was appointed College Secretary vice Prof. Juan C. Buenrostro, Jr. who was granted a one-year local faculty fellowship to complete his doctoral studies at the UP College of Education. Her term was from November 1, 1991 to October 31, 1994.
- December 4, 1991 The photo exhibit, conceptualized by Mrs. Salvacion M. Arlante, on the various activities of ILS over the years was opened by Mrs. Socorro E. Abueva. This was followed by the opening ceremonies with Dr. Ester C. Garcia, Vice President for Academic Affairs, as guest of honor. Appreciation awards were presented during the program to ILS benefactors; merit and service awards were also presented to the faculty and staff who have rendered 15 or more years of continuous service; and university and college scholars were honored and presented with certificates of recognition. In the afternoon, the UPLSAA and the UPLISSA held a symposium on library and information science education at the Audiovisual Room of the National Engineering Center, UP Diliman where six librarians served as panelists. The symposium had as its theme, "What the Library School Didn't Teach
- January 22, 1992 Dr. Ursula G. Picache delivered the first MMC

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- Diamond Jubilee Professorial Chair Lecture at the Audiovisual Room, National Engineering Center, UP Diliman. Her lecture was on “Accreditation of Library Science Programs”.
- February 28, 1992 A symposium on trends in library research in the Philippines was held at the Audiovisual Room, National Engineering Center with the following speakers: Prof. Ruben Marasigan, Dean Vallejo, Mrs. Salvacion M. Arlante, Mrs. Corazon M. Nera, and Prof. Rufo Q. Buenviaje.
- April 26, 1992 ILS held the closing ceremonies of its 30th anniversary celebration in conjunction with its Recognition Day program for the 1991-1992 graduates. Dr. Olivia C. Caoili, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, delivered her message to the graduates. On the same occasion, recognition awards were presented to the former deans and college secretaries of the Institute.
- August 22 - October, 1992 ILS conducted its first review classes for librarians who were going to take the licensure examination for librarians scheduled for December 3-4, 1992. These review classes are being continued up to the present time: 12-Sunday review classes from August to October and a two-week intensive review class during the semestral break in October.
- October 5-9, 1992 ILS, in cooperation with ISISPHIL and the financial support of Unesco, organized the Asian Regional Training of Trainers and Meeting of Distributors of the Mini-Micro CDS/ISIS Software Package at the Metropolitan Apartelle, Diliman, Quezon City.

- The course was intended to serve as a venue assessing current usage of CDS/ISIS in the Asia-Pacific region and standardizing the training provided to current and new users.
- October 16-22, 1992 A training course on information consolidation was organized and conducted by ILS for the Population Commission at the POPCOM A-V Conference Room in Mandaluyong, Metro Manila. Twenty participants representing fourteen regional centers of POPCOM attended the course.
- November 24, 1992 Two BLIS students represented ILS in the Quiz Bee sponsored by the Philippine Association of Teachers of Library Science (PATLS) during the National Book Week. Thereafter, this competition among LIS students of different library schools
- January 1993 UPILS was designated as the national distribution center for the Unesco IDAMS statistical software package for the storage management and analysis of numerical data.e
- March 10, 1993 ILS completed its “Survey of Information Use and Needs of Philippine PopulationUsers” which it conducted for the Commission on Population through the Library Integrated Services Cooperative, Inc. (LISCO). A summary of the nation-wide study and its significant findings were presented by Dean Vallejo to the Advisory Committee of POPCOM.
- October 1993 UPILS, in coordination with the Library Integrated Services Cooperative, Inc. and the Commission on Population, conducted two seminar-workshops for POPCOM personnel from all the regions in the

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- Philippines. The first seminar was on cataloging and classification and the second was on indexing and abstracting. These seminar-workshops were held under Phase III of the POPIN Project for 1993.
- November 15, 1993 Eight out of ten top places in the first licensure examination for librarians were taken by the BLS graduates of ILS. Eight other BLS graduates, four MLS graduates, and nine MLS students successfully hurdled the examination. They took their oath as professionals at the Ilustrado in Intramuros, Manila. They were honored in a recognition program held on December 1, 1993 at the Alumni Hostel, UP Diliman. The School, since the first licensure examination for librarians, continues to rank first among all library schools in the Philippines.
- August 1, 1994 Four ILS graduates passed the second licensure examination for librarians given on December 3-4, 1993. They took their oath as professionals at Sulo Hotel, Quezon City.
- September 7, 1994 Dr. Juan C. Buenrostro, Jr. presented his professorial chair lecture entitled, "Preferences of Special Libraries and the Library Education Curriculum".
- October 20, 1994 The second Professorial Chair Lecture in Library Science was delivered by Dean Vallejo. Her lecture was on "Research in Philippine Libraries and Librarianship: A Preliminary Study of Theses and Dissertations on Philippine Libraries and Librarianship Submitted to Philippine and American Schools".

- October 31, 1994 Dean Rosa M. Vallejo retired from the University of the Philippines after having served the University for forty-three years. A testimonial dinner was tendered in her honor on October 28, 1994 where she was presented with a plaque of appreciation by Dr. Ursula G. Picache. On the eve of her retirement, she received word that she had been awarded the FID Distinguished Information Professional Award 1994. The award was given in absentia during the 47th FID General Assembly Conference on October 6-8, 1994 in Saitama, Japan.
- November 1, 1994 Dr. Ursula G. Picache was appointed acting dean of ILS upon the retirement of Dean Vallejo. Her term was from November 1, 1994 to May 31, 1995. Her appointment as faculty member was extended for five months beyond her compulsory retirement by the Board of Regents.
- Prof. Ma. Divina Pascua-Cruz was appointed College Secretary of the Institute.
- December 10, 1994 The University Council, in its 39th meeting, approved the change of degree name of BLS to BLIS as a result of the change in the acronym LS to LIS.
- May 31, 1995 Dr. Ursula G. Picache retired from the University of the Philippines after serving the Institute of Library Science for over three decades.
- June 1995 Four graduate courses were instituted to meet the demands for archives training since the Diploma in Archives Administration could not be offered due to a moratorium on the offering of diploma courses. These were: LIS 214, Archives History and Theory;

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- LIS 216, Archives Methodology and Research; LIS 218, Records Management; and LIS 220, Archives Conservation.
- June 1, 1995 Prof. Herminia H. Santos was appointed Acting Dean of ILS upon the retirement of Dean Picache. Her term was from June 1, 1995 to April 30, 1996. Prof. Santos has just returned to the Institute on November 1, 1994 after opting for an early retirement in 1989.
- July 22, 1995 The University Council, in its 44th meeting, approved the change of degree name of MLS to MLIS as a result of the change in the acronym LS to LIS.
- January 24, 1996 Eight out of ten top places in the 4th Licensure Examination for Librarians given on December 6-7, 1995 were taken by the BLS graduates of ILS. Three other BLS graduates and an MLS student successfully hurdled the examination. They were honored by ILS and took their oath as professional librarians on January 29, 1996 at the Manila Midtown Hotel.
- February 5, 1996 UPILS embarked on career talks to selected high schools in Metro Manila to increase public awareness on the existence of degree programs in library and information science. The Institute tapped some of its alumni with good scholastic backgrounds and rich experiences in the field to serve as resource persons. The schools visited so far were the UP Integrated School and the Holy Family School in Quezon City. Dr. Josephine C. Sison, Atty. Antonio M.Santos, and Mr. Neil

- Palabrica served as resource persons.
- June 25-27, 1996 In cooperation with the Commission on Higher Education and the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges, ILS organized and conducted a three-day seminar for school librarians of state colleges and universities . The theme of the seminar was Library Management: Retooling State Universities and Colleges' Librarians. A total of 118 participants representing 99 state universities and colleges attended the seminar which was held at the UP Diliman Alumni Hostel, Quezon City.
- August 23 - September 30, 1996 By virtue of the UP Diliman Chancellor's Administrative Order no. 96-78 dated September 30, a committee was formed for the search for the Dean of ILS. This was chaired by Prof. Ellen J. Paglinauan of the College of Mass Communication. Nominees to the deanship were Dr. Josephine C. Sison and Acting Dean Herminia H. Santos.
- October 14-26, 1996 ILS and UP Library Science Alumni Association conducted a Seminar-Workshop on Technical Processing and Micro CDS/ISIS for the Commission on Population and the United Nations Population Fund at the Centrepoint Hotel International, Manila. Thirty-five information officers from POPCOM Central Office and the various regional population information centers completed the seminar-workshop.
- January 1997 Eight ILS graduates landed in the top ten places in the 5th Licensure Examination for Librarians given on December 4-5, 1996. Fifteen other BLS and eight MLS graduates passed the licensure examination. They were honored in a recognition program held at

ILS.

- January 1997 Dean Josephine C. Sison was appointed Dean of ILS effective this date until January 28, 2003.
- June 1997 The Commission on Population requested ILS to undertake a project for POPCOM to strengthen the Philippine Population Information Center (PPIC). The activities included: 1) conduct a survey of the information needs of the various user groups of the POPCOM Central Office; 2) make an inventory of the present collection and evaluate it for reference; 3) catalog and classify uncataloged materials; 4) evaluate the existing database and incorporate revisions; 5) train selected users and staff of PPIC in the use and maintenance of the system; and 6) initiate appropriate information services based on the identified needs from the survey.
- June 22, 1997 LAN installation was done at ILS along with the establishment of immediate linkage to the Internet and the expansion of the computer laboratory. A Systems Administrator for the local area network (LAN) was designated.
- August 19-20, 1997 The first UPILS Faculty Planning Workshop was held at the Rembrandt Hotel, Quezon City. The workshop concentrated on the Institute's research agenda and curricular matters. The faculty planning workshop is being held annually up to the present.
- September 1997 Creation of other standing committees in the Institute such as the Recruitment Committee, the ILS Catalog/Brochure Committee, and the Graduate and Thesis Committee.

- November 1, 1997 Prof. Rosalie B. Faderon was appointed College Secretary vice Prof. Ma. Divina Pascua-Cruz whose term expired on October 31, 1997. She served in this position for two consecutive terms.
- November 10-12, 1997 UPILS conducted a seminar-workshop on indexing and abstracting for the staff members of the Congressional Library of the House of Representatives. The lectures and workshops were tailored to the needs of the staff members of the Congressional Library.
- February 1998 ILS started negotiating with Unesco regarding a Proposal for the Establishment of an Unesco Chair on Information Science/Information Technology Applications at the Institute. The preliminary proposal, which was submitted to Ms. Delia Torrijos, initiated a close tie-up with SLISNET envisioning visiting professorships, networking for regional and international resource sharing, and the strengthening of ILS faculty and collection of the ILS Library. Thereafter, the Institute received US\$16,000.00 for this Unesco Chair Program. Of this amount, US\$6,000.00 was allotted for Prof. Robert Stueart's consultancy.
- June 1998 Two new LIS textbooks in Filipino were published by the Sentro ng Wikang Filipino: "Gawaing Reference at Impormasyon: Introduksyon" by Dr. Juan C. Buenrostro, Jr. and "Pagkatalog at Klasipikasyon ng mga Babasahin: Introduksyon" by Prof. Rosalie B. Faderon and Ms. Mary Anne Victoria Y. Ingles.
- July 1998 The Institute, together with the College of Education, College of Mass Communication, and ISMED were

chosen to form the UP Diliman Teaching Resources Centers (TRCs) by the Office of Instruction. These TRCs would provide facilities for faculty members in preparing their teaching materials, provide access to graphic software as well as provide training. Four training programs were scheduled for 1998-1999: 1) Use of the OHP; 2) Power point training of which the Institute is responsible; 3) Animation Software Adobe; and 4) a seminar with the Chancellor as the resource speaker.

September 29, 1998

Prof. Ma. Divina Pascua-Cruz delivered her professorial chair lecture entitled, “Angel: a Database of Art Forms and Other Graphical Materials based on CDS/ISIS” at the ILS Conference Room.

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Dr. Robert D. Stueart of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Simmons College was at UPILS for a short-term consultancy as part of a grant for preliminary activities prior to the establishment of a Unesco Chair on Information Science and Information Technology Applications at ILS. The main focus of the visit was to improve the curriculum and teaching capacity of the Institute; organize seminar/workshops to introduce proposed curricular changes; and to organize the Asia/Pacific network of schools of library and information science. He lectured on “The Virtual Library and the Future of Scholarly Communication” at the UP Law Center on November 27, 1998. He also conducted a two-day faculty workshop on “Curriculum Restructuring and Development” on December 1-2, 1998 at the ILS Conference Room.

- During the workshop, the ILS faculty made a SWOT analysis of the graduate and undergraduate courses and reviewed worldwide trends in library education in order to redefine and update the present library curriculum.
- April 1999 Dean Josephine C. Sison received the contract for the Unesco Chair in Information Science and Technology with a grant of US\$10,000 which will be used for a local professorial chair. The terms of reference are: 1) appoint the Unesco chairholder; 2) encourage institutional agreements with foreign university professors to lecture at ILS; 3) improve Library and Information Science resources at ILS; 4) organize workshops open to universities and colleges whenever a visiting professor comes to the University; 5) develop appropriate curricula and teaching aids; and 6) upgrade the existing ones being used in the academic institutions in the region. The contract expired in December 2002.
- August 11, 1999 The First UPILS Graduate Seminar was held wherein two MLIS graduates, Prof. Johann Frederick A. Cabbab and Ms. Jennifer Madrid, presented and discussed their research outputs entitled, “The Development of an Interactive Multimedia Software Program in Library and Information Science” and “A Study of the Undergraduate Library Science Programs in Selected Schools in Metro Manila with Implications on the Education of Information Professionals and Curriculum Development”.
- October 11-15, 1999 The Institute, along with the Society of Filipino Archivists and SOFIA, conducted an intensive training program for the staff of the Records Management

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- and Archives Office (RMAO).
- October 15, 1999 The Philippine Council for Advanced Science and Technology Research and Development (PCASTRD) requested the Institute to supervise the organization of its library holdings.
- April 2000 The Best Thesis Committee of ILS was created to choose the best thesis/-es of students for a given school year. Mr. Rodolfo Y. Tarlit was appointed to head the committee. He developed the guidelines for this, two of which were to give a certificate and cash award to the student/s who write the best thesis/-es.
- June 23, 2000 The Master of Archives and Records Management (MARM) curriculum was presented to the Science and Technology Cluster Committee of UP Diliman. The consensus of one group in that committee was to have such a program while the other group questioned the need to have a new program. The latter group suggested that this subject area be considered simply as one of the majors in MLIS. Revision was completed by January 2001 and the proposal was presented in the second semester, 2001-2002. In January 2002, the faculty was informed that this curricular proposal was held in abeyance since the administration has indicated that no new programs were to be instituted that time.
- August 18, 2000 The first Faculty-Student General Assembly was held and the following issues were tackled: 1) opening the ILS library from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.; and 2) imposition of computer fees on all students enrolled in courses requiring the use of computers.

- The second assembly took place on January 19, 2001.
- October 2-28, 2000 ILS was chosen by the Board for Librarians to hold a refresher course for three-time takers of the licensure examination for librarians. Fifteen reviewees attended the course and twelve eventually passed the 9th licensure examination for librarians. This course was continued annually until 2002.
- November 6-17, 2000 ILS, together with the Population Health and Nutrition Communication Center for Health Promotion, Department of Health, and the Johns Hopkins University Center for Communication Program, conducted a seminar-workshop for Health Information Workers.
- January 28, 2001 The ILS faculty decided to have sablay as their official academic costume for the University's commencement exercises.
- March 2001 The Institute's request for an increase of its graduate tuition fees from P300.00 to P500.00 was approved by the Board of Regents. In June 2001, laboratory fees for other LIS courses utilizing computers were imposed.
- September 19, 2001 The ILS Dean, faculty and students met to discuss the revitalized general education program (RGEP). This consisted of 45 units with 15 units each coming from the three domains, namely, Sciences, Social Sciences, and Humanities. Thereafter, their comments were submitted to the UP Administration.
- March 13-14, 2002 ILS celebrated its 40th (Ruby) anniversary. Its theme was: 40 Years: ILS and the Challenges of the

Information Age. On the first day, March 13, ILS had its Open House and Book Fair the whole day, with the latter activity being held in the basement lobby of Gonzalez Hall. The ILS Anniversary Exhibit was opened by Chancellor Emerlinda R. Roman, Vice President for Academic Affairs Ma. Serena I. Diokno and Mrs. Prudenciana Cruz, Director of the The National Library. On the same day, the 23rd Gabriel A. Bernardo Memorial Lecture was held. UP President Francisco Nemenzo and Sr. Angelina R. Bernardo delivered the messages while Dr. Alvin B. Marcelo, Head of the Medical Informatics Unit of the College of Medicine, UP Manila, delivered his lecture entitled, “Emerging Trends in Information Management: Medical Informatics”. Career talks by selected alumni were also held on the same day.

On March 14, the second day of the celebration, the ILS IT Applications Laboratory was inaugurated by Dr. Jose L. Guerrero, Director of the Science & Technology Information Institute, DOST and was blessed by Fr. Gaspar R. Sigaya. Fr. Sigaya officiated in the thanksgiving mass. A recognition program for the successful examinees in the 10th licensure examination for librarians was held with Vice President for Finance and Planning Sergio S. Cao as the guest speaker. Career talks were also held in the afternoon.

April 2002

The Summer Institutes have been expanded to cover three areas: Information Science, Archives and Records Management, and Library and Information Services.

- April 16, 2002 The revised BLIS curriculum was approved by the University Council. The said curriculum has the following features: 1) it incorporates the RGEP, i.e., 45 units of GE courses in the Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences and Math, Science and Technology domains; 2) it includes two new required LIS subjects, LIS 152 (Library Management II) and LIS 190 (Statistical Techniques in Library and Information Science) and 12 new LIS electives which cover four tracks: Information Systems (IS), Archives and Records Management (ARM), Law Librarianship, and Health/Medical Sciences Librarianship. The subject, Library Management II, supersedes the abolished courses on the four types of libraries. LIS 165 (Software applications) was abolished and was incorporated in LIS 161.
- June 18, 2002 The ILS initiated an ongoing tie-up with the Medical Informatics Unit of the UP Manila College of Medicine for possible research projects and training programs that ILS can participate in: Filipino index for retrieval – metadata, resource description framework (RDF), UMLS and MeSH, Philippine Medical Thesaurus, medical portal based on heuristics; and representation of medical information through classification, indexing and abstracting. In September 2002, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed between the two institutions. This spelled out the areas of research collaboration and stipulated among other things that the UP College of Medicine (UPCM) make available its domain expertise and facilities to researchers of UPILS (i.e., students doing work on their theses and faculty engaged in research

in medical and health librarianship). On the other hand, UPILS will use its expertise in information management to develop user-centered information services that would enable the UPCM constituents to meet their information needs better. It was further agreed that all outputs of the research program will be jointly owned by the two institutions, like theses, software, databases, searching tools like thesauri and indexes and Web-based search directories. The following research outputs were developed: 1) Indexing of medical digital images; 2) 38 theses on the Philippine Multilingual Medical Thesaurus in 6 major languages; 3) Design of a web-based reference manager for the program; and 4) Design of a thesaurus manager.

July 2002

The family of the late Prof. Patricia B. Cariño, thru Dr. Olivia Carino, donated a two-year subscription to the electronic-based Dewey Decimal Classification System (WebDewey) and the Classification Web to the ILS Library with the stipulation that these resources be maximized and shared with PATLS and other groups of library science teachers and librarians who will have need for these.

July 17, 2002

The UP Future Library and Information Professionals of the Philippines (UPFLIPP) was founded and was duly recognized by the UP Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs on July 24, 2002. This is the second student organization of the Institute. Its aims and objectives were: 1) to establish an organization that will promote solidarity, academic excellence, and leadership among its

- members; 2) spearhead in establishing a network among library and information science students in the Philippines; and 3) serve the students and the country in general through the activities and programs that will embody its aims and objectives.
- August 29, 2002 The Board of Regents, in its 1162nd meeting, approved the change of name of ILS to Institute of Library and Information Science (ILIS) in keeping with the courses that were renamed Library and Information Science (LIS) from Library Science (LS) in 1995.
- January 30, 2003 Prof. Ma. Divina Pascua-Cruz was appointed Dean of ILIS. Her term was up to January 29, 2006 but due to a lingering illness, she retired in June 2005.
- March 18-20, 2003 UPILIS and the Angeles University Foundation conducted a seminar on bibliographic organization in a computerized environment in Angeles City, Pampanga.
- April 2003 The ILIS full-time faculty met to discuss the civic welfare training service (CWTS) courses that ILIS will handle for its students. This is one of the programs falling under the NSTP. The CWTS aims to promote volunteerism and citizenship. The full-time faculty agreed to have barangay libraries set up by the students with supervision being exercised by the faculty-in-charge of the course.
- May 2003 ILIS began to implement the revised research proposal presentation effective this date. Small faculty groups whose members were deemed experts in certain subject areas were constituted to consider the various research proposals submitted to the Institute.

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- Within the committees, the faculty had to elect their chairperson and rapporteur for the presentation. Thereafter, decisions were made and these were forwarded to the Dean for her information along with the recommendations for adviser, reader, and/or panel members.
- May 12-20, 2003 UPILS conducted the e-Learning for an Information-Powered School Librarians' Seminar/Workshop Series for the Department of Education, Division of City Schools, Quezon City. A second seminar was conducted for 66 librarians and administrative staff in October 2004.
- November 1, 2003 Prof. Grace Marie B. Gonzales was appointed College Secretary effective this date.
- November 12, 2003 The ILIS held a special faculty meeting on the Senate Bill 2579 that was approved by the bicameral session and almost ready for signature by President Gloria Macapagal- Arroyo and expressed their concerns on the specific parts of the bill: Title, Sections 3-5, 8, 15-17, 20, 26, 29, and 31-33. The faculty suggested ways to modify certain provisions of the bill. Despite the efforts of the Institute to have the bill reviewed, it was finally signed into law, R.A. 9246.
- 2004 ILIS Library received a funding grant from the Friends of the U.P. Foundation in America, Inc. This was made through the efforts of Mr. Francisco L. Juan, Executive Director of the Foundation, and Prof. Gerardo Agulto, Jr., Executive Director of U.P. Foundation, Inc. The grant was provided "in loving memory of Prof. Patricia B. Cariño" (BLS 1974).

- This was used for the purchase of books, DVD, computers and online subscription to WebDewey and Classification Web until 2005.
- April 2004 The fifth floor of Melchor Hall which was to be vacated by the College of Architecture was offered to ILIS as its new quarters. After a thorough examination of this floor was made by a committee appointed by the ILIS Dean, this committee reported that the space was smaller than that being occupied by ILIS at present.
- January 2005 The monthly lecture series was revived with former ILS professor Grace Fabella-Bulaong giving a lecture on “Information Literacy in the Information Age”. The holding of this lecture series continued till August 14, 2008 where three doctoral students, Mr. Vernon Totanes, Prof. Ricardo L. Punzalan, and Prof. Paolo Manalo lectured on “What was the First Book Printed in the Philippines?”, Visualizing Leprosy Archives, Leprosy and Collective Memory”, and “What does It Meme? Spam, Online Quizzes and the Last Song Syndrome Cognitive Poetics and Useless Information”, respectively. The lecture series is a continuing activity of the Institute.
- May 2005 Results of a re-votation regarding the new ILIS logo resulted in the retention of the old one while more ideas are being solicited.
- August 2005 Prof. Rosalie B. Faderon was appointed Dean of ILIS effective this date until August 31, 2008.
- November 1, 2005 Prof. Vyva Victoria M. Aguirre was appointed College Secretary effective this date until August 31, 2008.

January 11, 2006

The ILIS Building Committee was formed to draw up the plan and space requirements for the proposed building; to coordinate with the Office of the Campus Architect on all aspects regarding its construction; to draw up strategies in sourcing funds for the construction of the building; and to raise and solicit funds and donations for its construction. The Institute and the UPLSAA launched a fund campaign for this project.

In July 2006, the UP Diliman Chancellor proposed a site for ILIS, i.e., the building presently occupied by the National Book Development Board. The initial feedback from the Office of the Campus Architect was that the space is not enough to meet the Institute's needs. The transfer of ILIS should be contingent on the space and physical condition of the proposed building. The fund campaign for the new building was launched during the SLIS Alumni Homecoming held on April 27, 2007 at the Balay Kalinaw, UP Diliman.

April 27-28, 2006

The ILIS faculty, in its annual workshop, continued to revise its MLIS curriculum and proposed the institution of an RGEP course on information resources and retrieval. Several course titles were proposed for this using the guidelines provided by the university: *Harnessing Information Resources*, *Power of Information*, *Introduction to Info Search*, and *InfoSense*. The latter, however, was dropped since this title is already being used by an electronic journal and use of this title may be subject to some copyright issues. A further suggestion was to have a course title “InfoLiteracy” and that the

- course should be instituted in consultation with faculty members from other departments who handle similar courses.
- June 2006 Prof. Ricardo L. Punzalan, a full-time faculty whose expertise is on archives, was awarded a scholarship at the University of Michigan where he will pursue a Ph.D. in Information.
- July 2006 UPILIS applied as a National Center for Excellence in LIS to the Commission on Higher Education. According to CHED, it cannot act on the application of ILIS because the former still does not have a technical standard that can be used for the assessment.
- July 26, 2006 The *ILIS Thesis Manual* was revised in accordance with the American Psychological Association's (APA) Manual of Style. Guidelines for submission of theses and special problems were also issued. The guidelines require students to submit only one bound copy of their thesis/special problem and one copy in electronic format.
- August 11, 2006 An Ad Hoc Committee composed of the ILIS Dean, College Secretary, BFL Chair, and two ILIS professors met to draft a position paper on the creation of an independent Technical Panel for LIS. The said position paper was endorsed to the Professional Regulatory Board for Librarians in 2008. This was taken up later by the Technical Committee for Library and Information Science (TCLIS) in 2008. In April 2011, the TCLIS members submitted a resolution to the CHED administration justifying its transfer from the Technical Panel for Teacher Education to the Technical Panel for Information

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- Technology. By 2012, the TCLIS will be under the Technical Panel for Information Technology.
- December 2006 The UPILIS Christmas exhibit received the 2nd prize in the UP Diliman Christmas Exhibit Contest. ILIS received a cash prize of Php 7,500.00.
- 2007 Starting this year, 2007, the *Journal of Philippine Librarianship (JPL)* began to be published online at <http://journals.upd.edu.ph>. Succeeding issues can be accessed at this website.
- March 29, 2007 The Board of Regents, in its 1219th meeting, approved the change of name of ILIS to School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS) for the following justifications presented by the faculty of ILIS: “1) information studies serves as a meaningful umbrella function, being more inclusive and more accurate in detailing the full nature of the research and teaching in which ILIS now engages and seeks to engage in; 2) Library and Information Studies is now the most acceptable nomenclature to refer to the field of library and information services; and 3) the new name is a statement of intent on the part of ILIS to produce information professionals who are comfortable with theory and equipped to apply it in practice across many organizational context.”
- May 7-11, 2007 The 16th Summer Institute on Information Science focusing on the Digitization of Documents for Greater Access was held at SLIS. Another seminar of the same nature was conducted in Angeles University Foundation, Angeles, Pampanga. The third of a series was held on April 16-18, 2008 at the ICT Hall, Benguet State University, La Trinidad,

- Benguet.
- May 17, 2007 In its annual faculty workshop, the ILIS faculty felt that: 1) in view of the renaming of ILIS to SLIS; and 2) the statement of the School's Mission/Vision as it appears in the University Catalog is no longer appropriate, the faculty agreed to designate the Dean and the College Secretary to draft a more appropriate Mission/Vision statement for SLIS. The final version was given to Prof. Cabbab so that it may be reflected in the design of the UP SLIS logo.
- June 22, 2007 SLIS was named beneficiary in the will of Ms. Serena Albaladejo-Pascual (BSLS '58). SLIS received Canadian\$2,000.00 which was used for a scholarship and to acquire books for SLIS Library. Mr. Alfredo Pascual, husband of the late Ms. Pascual, came to SLIS to hand over the donation. The scholarship grant was awarded to Kelvin Samson, a junior BLIS student.
- July 2007 Junior and Senior BLIS students formed the UP Singing Librarians, the first ever singing group in SLIS, and joined the annual Carolfest for the first time in December 2007.
- December 2007 The SLIS booth won second place in the annual booth competition held prior to the lantern parade. It depicted a laptop reading room concept where anyone can enter the screen from behind and have his or her picture taken as if he or she were the laptop's wallpaper.
- January 14-18, 2008 SLIS conducted a seminar for COMELEC librarians and IT staff at the Palacio del Gobernador. This was financed by IFES Philippines, a non-governmental

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- organization which sourced funds from USAID Washington. The main objective in conducting this seminar was to train the librarians in preparation for the setting up of an Election Resource Center.
- May 27, 2008 Chancellor Sergio S. Cao met with the SLIS faculty to present his action plan for his second term. In turn, the Dean made a power point presentation of the achievements and concerns of SLIS. These concerns included: a separate building for SLIS, more items for faculty members, contractual staff for the Library and more computer units. Chancellor Cao suggested that SLIS should undertake a research on Information Literacy in collaboration with two other UP units for submission to the UP open research grants.
- June 28, 2008 The Dean met with Vice-Chancellor for Community Affairs and the Vice Chancellor for Administration on the SLIS building. The Vice Chancellors suggested that the Dean put in writing its request to reserve the Institute of Biology building for SLIS in case it will be vacated in 2-3 years. The suggestion was followed.
- June 30, 2008 Donations for the SLIS building have begun. SLIS has decided to have all donations deposited with the UP Foundation, Inc. On this date, the UP Foundation, Inc. received the initial donation of US\$10,000.00 from the Lazlo Bito Carino Foundation Inc. On July 11, 2008, Myra Florendo-Van Vactor (BLS '74) and her husband donated US\$1,000.00. Individual donations from the alumni and those from the UP Library Science Alumni

- are continuously being received.
- July 3, 2008 The UPSLIS Library received the donation of 2007 and 2008 issues of the Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology from an alumna, Mrs. Milagros Rasco-Rush of Minnesota in print and CD formats. Mrs. Rush has been continuously donating issues of this title from 2000 to date.
- July 24, 2008 Chancellor Cao met with the faculty on the SLIS Deanship. He gave some guidelines for the process, namely, that the nomination process could be opened, or that the faculty of the unit can decide to conduct the search internally and present the results of the search to him. It is also possible, according to him, for the faculty to unanimously nominate one candidate for the Deanship. After some discussion, the faculty unanimously nominated Prof. Vyva Aguirre and she accepted the nomination.
- September 1, 2008 Prof. Vyva Victoria M. Aguirre was appointed Dean of SLIS effective this date until October 31, 2010. On the same date, Prof. Nathalie N. dela Torre was appointed College Secretary. She resigned on May 1, 2011.
- November 2008 The UP Bibliotech (UPBLC), another LIS student organization, was founded. This is a socio-academic organization focusing on the promotion of the interdisciplinary nature of LIS within and outside the university and recognizing the various possible fields in the practice of the LIS academic program. It was officially recognized by the Office of Student Affairs of the university in June 2009.

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- February 23, 2009 UPFLIPP held its LIBSPEAK 2009 at the UP Balay Kalinaw. Its LIBSPEAK 2010 was held at the Benitez Theater, UP College of Education, and in 2011 at the Diosdado Macapagal Auditorium, UP School of Economics.
- February 28, 2009 UPLISSA held its LIS Congress at Benitez Hall. Its second LIS Congress in 2010 was held at the IBM Innovation Center at UP Ayalaland Technohub. In 2011, it was held at the UP National Institute for Science and Mathematics Education Development (NISMED) Auditorium.
- July 20-24, 2009 Prof. Johann Frederick A. Cabbab went on a study tour of different innovative libraries in Germany. His official trip was sponsored by Goethe Institut Manila.
- February 5, 2010 The UPLSAA held its first LIS Summit with the theme: Beyond Conventions: Leveraging the Roles and Competencies of Librarians and Information Professionals. This was held at the conference facility of C & E Pub., Inc., Quezon Ave. with 200 undergraduate and graduate LIS students from 14 different library schools all over the Philippines.
- November 1, 2010 Prof. Johann Frederick A. Cabbab was appointed Dean of SLIS effective this date until October 31, 2013. Dean Cabbab is the first male dean of SLIS.
- May 1, 2011 Prof. Kathleen Lourdes B. Obille was appointed College Secretary of SLIS. Her term will end in April 30, 2014.
- May 13, 2011 SLIS launched its Trivia Book as a 50-day

countdown to SLIS' golden anniversary, July 1, 2011 with a program. Dean Cabbab gave the opening remarks while former Dean Rosalie B. Faderon gave her brief and personal account of the SLIS (then ILS and ILIS). The Trivia Book was produced with the combined efforts of the faculty, staff and SLIS students of SLIS.

May 14, 2011

UPLSAA held its 61st alumni homecoming and the UPLSIS' 50th anniversary kick-off celebration at the UP National College of Public Administration and Governance (NCPAG) auditorium.

July 1, 2011

SLIS held the opening ceremonies for its 50th anniversary with the theme, **UP SLIS@50: Upholding the Tradition of Excellence in LIS Education**, at the UP Main Library Steps and it was emceed by Prof. Iyra Buenrostro and Prof. Kathleen Lourdes Obille. Entrance of colors was rendered by the UP Rayadillo; the UP singing librarians sang the national anthem and another intermission number; Dean Johann Frederick A. Cabbab gave the welcome remarks and talked about the SLIS website and thesis digital library; former Dean Vyva Victoria M. Aguirre gave her keynote address on SLIS: past and forward; the SLIS cultural group rendered their songs entitled, Golden Celebration and *Laybraryan ng Bayan*; Mr. Arvin Roque, UPLSAA president, verbalized the association's commitment to SLIS; Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Prof. Corazon Tan, who represented Chancellor Saloma, gave her message. Everyone went up to the 3/F where SLIS is located with the administration officials doing the balloon popping as they went up the 50 golden steps. Ribbon

cutting was done by the administration officials, ably assisted by Dean Cabbab. Thereafter, all the guests sang “Happy Birthday” as they held up high 50 lighted colorful cup cakes. Snacks were served in one of the classrooms. In the afternoon, SLIS was declared an open house; SLIS student organizations held their different activities; there was free Ikot ride for jeepneys which carried the SLIS@50 tarpaulins; and there was amnesty for library fines, courtesy of the U.P. Diliman Main Library.