There will be minutes for the retreat for those who will be out. We will check about recording also. The planning documents are being shared on Homer/Selectors/Planning. Mary changed a few of the names to reflect subject names if you don’t see what you are looking for. If you don’t have program changes, please still write a report about trends to document what is happening at this time. If you have an interdisciplinary topic label it as such, standards for example. Judy would like us all to read the planning reports before the retreat. Beth also mentioned the Desirables List. If you have trouble finding that or need some background Beth is happy to show you where it is. Some of the things we will discuss are gaps in support not only for subjects but also for formats. Streaming video, modernizing formats.

As a reminder the student fee is in place of the requested one-time funds. Therefore we will be in about the same condition monetarily as we were last year. 2015 should see an increase in the student fee also, and we will be able to spend the money we receive from the indirects.

The retreat is conversation about general direction instead of specific titles or implementation of new policy. The changes will also impact technical services. If we order more books that is one consideration. If we order more media that is another consideration. The dean will at least be there for a preliminary meeting and a closing meeting. She is welcome at other meetings also.

Endowments look hopeful for increasing again. We will also need to keep those in mind for the next two years along with the current development campaign.

Year-end closing was last Monday. The appropriations have not been input into the system yet. If you find you need to purchase items now you may assume that the allocations will be the same as last year since the budget will remain approximately the same. Encumbrances were minimal. Some funds went over with Judy’s permission. We were able to buy some items off of the wish list. Two rare books, Mango, Scientific American backfiles, JSTOR, and Credo were those mentioned in the meeting.

Judy has received a list for the new faculty in Fulbright and has passed that information along. She has asked the other colleges, but has not received any reports yet.