Deb Cheval joined the selectors to discuss crystal reports. Almost all reported using them to review their funds. Some reported using them for personnel information. Sequel is a problem and the preparing the reports is time intensive. Accounting will look for an easier way to retrieve the information that will provide the current information selectors are using. Orders will not show up in fund reports or in crystal reports without posting. Posting is currently done on a daily basis.

Ganson welcomed Freedle to the meeting. Ganson is still working through the numbers for expected expenditures and income. There are two new endowments. She is attaching cost centers to funds to make it easier in order to see real-time fund levels. Milton Children’s fund is tied to the cost center from which the money comes from, for example. She is working on changing other funds to match this example so that there will be less requirement for fund transfers. She still does not know what the price increases will be for Science Direct, but hopes to meet with the other campus representatives soon. She will send out the proposed cancellations list. She also reports that the Science Direct list sent in May shows a list price, but that price does not always match the real price.

Wiley will not be in the Harassowitz deposit account any longer. The reason we use Harassowitz is because they will cut all the check for small fees for us. That saves staff time here. Ganson is estimating a 6% price increase on serials. If a new serial is required we will need to follow the 1 in 1 out policy. She reminded us that there were several titles identified in the last serials review to watch that might be able to be cut. She won’t be able to accommodate any additional requests for discretionary account purchasing for another couple of months.

Our funding is a lot better than it was when Ganson began in 2001, due largely to support from the Walton family foundation. There is a new fundraising campaign softly starting now. Ganson will work with Ben Carter to identify resources that require funding support.

Johnson reviewed an offer from Gale for an evidence based acquisitions program. Gilbertson explained that the difference between evidence based acquisitions and demand driven acquisitions is that one purchased titles that are triggered automatically in the demand driven model, but in the evidence based model one pledges an amount and chooses at the end of a set period what titles to purchase. We spent around $6000 the last two years on Gale titles, however there are other publishers available in this plan that may need review. The drawbacks mentioned were that there are no marc records provided to load in to the catalog. There are also many old titles. Johnson will ask about marc records and the ability to limit what is available to our clientele. There are many desirable reference works available for use in the collection. The titles are all multi-user and drm free. We can continue to study this offer.

The next selectors meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2015.