Carolyn Allen updated staff on the student staff appreciation award draft that is being prepared by the Staff Concerns Committee.

The Libraries recently received the funds from a $25,000 gift that will fund the purchase of geology materials.

The Reagan family has made a bequest to the Libraries, after many long years of dedicated support. The gift has an estimated value of $1.2 million.

The Chancellor will host a retreat of the Academic Policy Group on March 10-12, and the dean expects goals will be clarified or reworked during that time.

The Libraries have a number of upcoming events. Janis Kearney will be lecturing on February 20, followed by a panel discussion with Kearney, Roy Reed, and Gerald Jordan. Kearney is a writer who has recently published a book on Daisy Bates, a University of Arkansas alumna, and was Bill Clinton’s diarist when he was president.

The Bumpers Papers opening event will be held on March 19.

Jeff Banks gave an update on Human Resources. He reminded staff that the third candidate for the Director for Administration, Aaron Burks, will be on campus Wednesday, and that all candidate evaluation forms for the three candidates are due in the Human Resources office on Thursday.

There will be an AMIGOS day-long training webinar on RDA, on Thursday, February 20, beginning at 9 a.m. in room 472B, then moving for the remainder of the day to 486.

The sexual harassment prevention training will be held on February 18 at 3 p.m. and is mandatory for anyone who has not taken the training in the past two years.

Leah Williams of campus HR will give a presentation on time keeping and leave programs on March 11 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The training will include an overview of policies, FMLA and catastrophic leave, and address common issues in reporting.

A webinar on integrating ipads into library service will be held on Thursday, February 20, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Jeff Banks reminded everyone that Human Resources has a professional development budget, which still has some funds. If someone is looking at webinars or training, please contact HR, as they have some funding left for this fiscal year.

Lora Lennertz announced the Libraries’ Film Festival will begin with Breathless on February 18 at 7 p.m. in 104. There are several upcoming lectures, and a handout with those listed is on the tables next to the Remnant Trust exhibit, as well as posted on the Libraries calendar and events page.
The Text-a-Librarian service was recently integrated into a software called LibAnswers, so staff can now monitor and answer texts from the computer at the Reference Desk.

Staff are also working to integrate Ebsco login into Blackboard, so that articles posted there can be accessed directly without an additional authentication. This is scheduled to launch in summer.

Cat Wallack noted the new Janis Kearney exhibit is up on the Walton Reading Room, as well as a William Grant Still exhibit in the main lobby area, and mentioned the Special Collections’ Exhibits Committee, Cat, Val Robinson, Krista Jones, Megan Massanelli, and Joshua Youngblood, for contributing to those exhibits.

Jeremy Smith reported that the Chemistry Library staff are updating the Patents Database and the faculty bibliographies.

Lisa Lindsey reported that the Serials Department is working on implementing the Serials Solution software, which will add to discovery tools for patrons.

Stacy Kimbrough reported that Performing Arts & Media staff have been busy receiving collections that were purchased or donated last year. She has been working on a cache of performance recordings. 17 concert performances by the Music Department have been placed online for streaming, and more are being added. The new Alexander Street Music Database is a great resource. The search for audio function in the catalog is now operating smoothly, whereby patrons can browse by year for audio files.

Stephanie Freedle announced on behalf of the Staff Senate that Cedar Middleton was named Employee of the Quarter at the last meeting, and library staff congratulated Cedar with a round of applause.

Sheri Gallaher reported that signs will be posted in front of the Walton Reading Room when it will close for an event, or when quiet study will be disturbed, but noted that we will have two upcoming events, the Kearney lecture and the Bumpers Papers Opening, during which adjacent offices may experience some disturbance.

The security camera project is still in the planning stage, as is the Graduate Study Study space on the fourth floor. The idea of card-reader access to the space has been abandoned, because we would have to create and maintain our own database to exclude all students but graduate students. The proposed alternative is to follow the same system for key checkout as for the study rooms, but to have the same number of keys for half the seats in the room, so there will be plenty available. The keys will be checked out with ID, and will be due by closing time each day. Fines will be assessed for late keys, and no additional keys will be checked out to that ID until the fines are paid and key returned. We hope to schedule construction during Spring Break, so that disruption of student study will be kept to a minimum.

Trent Garner of Systems noted that a network switch on the fourth floor, housed in room 484, showed water damage when it was taken out to be replaced this week, so we will have to monitor that space closely to make sure there are no roof leaks.

David Boddie of Systems is slowly upgrading machines to Windows 7, and Elaine is updating antivirus software. The Altiris software maintained by campus IT will not work with Windows 7, so global updates
cannot be made to all computers; instead, Boddie has to back up and wipe each computer individually, which is a time consuming process. Systems will schedule a training class on the use of Windows 7.