Dean Allen opened the meeting by announcing that there was no agenda, and she wanted to hear from the staff about updates and concerns.

The staff lounge kitchen remodel was mentioned and compliments were given. The need for a step stool was suggested since the larger microwave is higher up above the stove now. Dean Allen said she would address this need and make sure a designated area was chosen for the new step stool.

It was asked if the Director for Academic Research Services position had been filled yet and Dean Allen informed the group that we are waiting on approvals from University administration.

Dean Allen listed the current positions that need to be filled: Interviewing for the Director for Administrative Services and Cataloging Librarian. Opening soon: English & Communication Librarian and the Assistant Head of Special Collections.

The fact that we have not been receiving new serials issues was brought up and Dean Allen explained that it has been proposed that libraries will receive on the 2% of the overhead funding and a portion of the 10% proposed increase in TELE fees. More than likely we will have to use that money for books and play catch up in Special Collections, rather than a large increase to serials acquisitions.

Dean Allen updated the group on the issue of installing video surveillance cameras in the library and branch libraries. She stated that it was low on the list of priorities for now because of the need for help financially. It will take a partnership with UAPD or another entity to get the project underway. Mullins would be the first to be outfitted with cameras with the branches to follow.

It was brought to everyone’s attention that Deb Cheval had recently been very helpful to Dean Allen with reporting some figures pertaining to gifts. Dean Allen specified that over the past thirteen years our operating budget has increased by 65% although we don’t feel it that much due to inflation.

The bulletin board in the west entrance area will be coming down when a new information kiosk is installed next to the large donor plaque. This digital kiosk will contain campus maps, general U of A information and upcoming events.
The Associated Student Government asked Dean Allen to place several snack and beverage vending machines in the library. They have been put near the east entrance where the telephones used to be for the students’ convenience.

Molly Boyd announced she will be updating the progress reports for the Library Goals online. The group discussed the possible exhibit of The Remnant Trust materials in Mullins. If we secure it we will have the exhibition for an entire semester in the spring of 2014. The ideas behind the objects (books, fragments, etc.) being displayed concern justice and humanity. Dean Allen approached the Library Faculty Senate committee with the idea and it was well received. She envisions getting campus faculty involved during the exhibition and hopefully structuring coursework around it. She encouraged everyone to take a look at the website: http://theremnanttrust.com/wp2/

Some questions were asked about future plans for new storage space. Dean Allen explained that the library was looking into a new off-site storage located on Hill Street. It would be a high density storage space holding up to 1.5 million volumes during the first phase. For now we have LISA and have several more years to pay off that building.

Jennifer Rae Hartman and Stephanie Freedle announced that they were nominated for Staff Senate and would appreciate votes from library staff to be elected.

The next meeting for staff and non-classified staff will be on May 21 at 1:30pm in room 104.