Anne Marie Candido informed the group that this year was the 40th anniversary of Mullins Library and asked what celebrations should be considered. It was concluded that because of the strict budget this year we would not be able to afford much more than to have a Web page featuring the early history of the building with some digitized photographs, as well as perhaps an exhibit of artifacts from the early period of the building that could be on exhibit in the Walton Reading Room.

Judy Ganson mentioned that the ILLIAD server will be upgraded, probably beginning Sunday, August 17, and then continue into the 18th and part of the 19th since classes don’t resume until the 25th. Everyone will be notified well in advance who needs to be.

Alberta Bailey presented the Desk Consolidation Task Force’s recommendation to the group for discussion. Alberta indicated she didn’t think we would be ready to try any experiment in the fall semester but that an experiment could be conducted in the spring semester. Others in the group thought that this could be implemented earlier. The group decided it needed more time to digest the proposal and will talk about it again when Alberta returns from vacation.

Judy Ganson presented the Pryor Center strategic plan to the group for discussion. A number of revisions were made; Judy will gather them and inform the Center staff of what revisions were decided upon.

Alberta announced the suggested hours for the fall semester. A discussion ensued about whether the library could/should remain open during the fall semester until 2:00 a.m. or remain open 24/7 for a portion of the semester. Alberta mentioned that she had hoped that the 24/7 or 24/5 experiment would not occur until the spring semester to allow her and staff time to prepare for the shift in staff requirements. The DPS would have to be notified of the extended hours. This will be discussed further at the next admin group meeting.
Ben Carter announced some gift figures for the past fiscal year:

The Libraries received over $4.1 million in gifts and endowments this fiscal year, including gifts-in-kind valued at more than $120,068. The total amount of gifts included funds from Dr. Taylor and Mary Prewitt to add to their endowment that supports the liberal arts collections and Drs. Earnest and Jane Weare made a multi-year commitment to the Library Leadership Council that will help support the most immediate needs of the libraries.

Friends and donors of the libraries helped us to another successful library appeal coordinated by the Annual Fund. “Come into the library…to go out into the world” a brochure featuring former and current students was mailed to over 24,000 alumni and friends of the libraries. The direct mail portion of the appeal garnered $16,136 from 204 households, 20 percent of which were first time donors to the libraries. The student callers garnered another $74,825 in gifts and pledges from 1,024 friends and donors. The total of $90,961 surpassed last year’s library appeal.

The William Harold Sturgis trust ($3.9 million) was established on behalf of the University Libraries through the estate of William Harold Sturgis. The Sturgis trust will make annual gifts for the next 100 years to fund capital improvements, renovations and additions as well as purchase collections for the libraries.

Judy presented a draft policy explaining who may benefit from (GIS, City of Fayetteville, Special Collections) and who is authorized (Jan Dixon, Andrea Cantrell) to operate the large-format scanner. Trent Garner will be the tech support for the scanner. Dean Allen said to be sure to make it available also for other departments on campus to benefit from it (e.g., architecture).

It was decided that the group would meet again on August 12 in the afternoon to continue discussion of extended hours, desk consolidation, and the proposed marketing plan that Anne Marie Candido submitted to Dean Allen earlier in the summer.

Dean Allen reminded the group that Sandra Day O’Connor will be visiting campus for the dedication of the Law School expansion on October 12.