I. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM.

II. Ehly asked how the Libraries sets priorities, do we evaluate how we are doing, and do we seek input. Culshaw thinks the Libraries has not done a good job in the past doing assessment. For example, we could be doing the LibQual+ survey every few years; this would also benchmark us against our peers. He noted the Self-Study Report calls for more assessment and feels that this is critical for our future. The Libraries needs to use data to drive decisions, as well as doing more focus groups with our users.

III. Culshaw shared the Self-Study Report with the Committee. This Report will help the Libraries develop a new strategic plan. The external review will be held April 7-9 and the reviewers should be meeting with the Committee at some point. Ehly noted that many may be surprised when they see how much of the materials budget is spent on e-resources vs. print.

IV. The Iowa Women’s Archives was established in 1992 and named for the two Des Moines businesswomen who were behind the idea of this repository. The IWA is a unit within the Special Collections Department, and has two full-time staff and several student employees. They collect anything to do with Iowa women whether they were born, educated, or just lived in the state. Materials can include scrapbooks, letters, speeches, photos, diaries, tapes, or other physical items. Several grant funded projects have brought in materials from African-American and Latina women in Iowa, and they are about to launch a Jewish women in Iowa project as well. UI classes come in to use the resources, and online guides allow everyone to see what materials are available. Researchers from around the world will contact the IWA with questions. Mason also noted several collections have been digitized and are in the Iowa Digital Library. The Committee then went down to the IWA and viewed some of the materials.

V. The meeting adjourned at 2:04 PM.