Present:  B. Abbott, A. Coffman, B. Dupen, L. Hite, G. Miller, D. Oberstar, J. Violette

Absent:  K. Moustafa, K. Murphey

Chair Barry Dupen convened the meeting at 12 noon. The minutes of the November 29 meeting were approved as distributed.

Special Needs:  Fine Arts Proposal
The revised proposal distributed to members on January 29, was approved as written.

Library Renovation
J. Violette reviewed the current state of library renovation projects. In order to create a learning commons on the 2nd floor, all materials must be moved somewhere else. Forty-seven of the fifty-five ranges on the second floor will be moved to the third floor after the small rooms on the floor are torn down.

Budget Issues
J. Violette distributed a chart showing how library funding for Helmke Library compares with other IU regional campuses. IPFW is “worst” in every category. The subcommittee discussed how best to lobby for more adequate funding, with the general consensus being that we have to have something worth trading.

Strategic Planning
J. Violette distributed the library’s strategic plan for the next five years. Focus of the plan is librarian-faculty partnerships.

The next meeting will be in April to review the next round of Special Needs Requests.