The Library Committee convened in Mabee Library, at 4:00 p.m. The following members were present: Dr. Adem, Mr. Barron, Dr. Bearman, Mr. Bird, Dr. Chorba, Dr. Herbig, Ms. McAfee, Dr. Miller, Dr. Palbicke, Dr. Reynard, Dr. Ridgeway, Dr. Seitz, Dr. Thomas, Ms. Weiner, and Ms. White. Ms. Blas, Dr. Chamberlain, and Dr. Farwell sent word they would be unable to attend.

Committee members gathered at the Study Grounds Coffee Shop in Mabee Library to tour the many changes that are taking shape as the library prepares the new space for Advising, Writing Center, and Tutoring.

Dr. Bearman led a tour through the construction zones in the Mabee Library and answered questions about how the changes are designed to impact students and their success. Perhaps of particular interest, Dr. Frank Chorba asked if he had but one wish what would he add to the Library, Dr. Bearman responded a classic Reading Room because of its impact upon reminding the learning community of what its intellectual heart looks, feels, and smells like.

Dr. Bearman also responded to questions about the budget reductions that the Library faced, as did all units, and he explained how the Library is further reducing its spending for materials. Attached is the book allocation by academic department in FY14.

Dr. Bearman asked the Faculty members of the committee to aid him and Academic Advising to develop one-page graduation/program sheet modeled on the excellent one that is used in the Department of Music. More information regarding this request will be sent to the committee members in the near future.