This meeting was one of a series of open meetings the Library held to gather input for the final Action Plan report to the Provost. The following notes report on the general themes and concerns about the draft Action Plan expressed at the meeting.

Geology:
This is a coherent collection with identity, faculty and students need 60% of current collection on hand (old materials useful); keep librarian; need map collection; want details of implementation and better communication

Physics:
What’s the rationale for consolidating Physics and Astronomy into Grainger? Concern that will lose 24-hour access since Grainger is not open 24 hours over break, when faculty are working

Applied Health Sciences (AHS):
Library is a gathering place for students/student project/small group work. AHS Library provides a sense of identity for students. They have no other similar place in the College. Need place to hang out/social networks. Sense of home in large university. 20% of students are from underrepresented groups – this helps with retention. Research also shows that such dedicated study spaces improves students’ success. Social integration best predictor of retention; research-based statement

Collections:
Role of special collections in science research? Old material can be important, but it’s the intellectual content, not the artifact that really matters.

What books go where if a department library is closed?

There is a cycle of print materials. Current materials important, then not so much. Eventually old stuff more important again.

Biology:
Systemists and taxonomists use older materials

General comments:
Gathering/study space important to students
Distribute plans ahead of time – make sure departments know
Communicate to students
Timeline for these proposals?
Need phased approach; staff feeling very stressed