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Video Conference Rooms: Ross Conference / Blewett 239
Present: Mary Aube, Guru Chadha, Kash Dutta, Andrew Golub, Bethany Kenyon, Patricia Long, Stew MacLehose, Jeani Reagan, Olga Slasten LaPlante, Barbara Swartzlander, Frank Willard.
Not Present: David Arghavani, Karl Carrigan, Cally Gurley, Susan Hillman, Amanda Leen, Vasiliki Maseli, David Sandmire.

Budget: Library uses formula funding; for the past 5 years, the library materials budget has increased by 7-10% per year.

Resources: ProQuest Ebook Central infuses >500,000 ebooks records into the UNE Library Services catalog on a Demand Driven Acquisitions platform; Kanopy offers over 10,000 streaming films, documentaries and training videos from 800 producers.

DUNE: DigitalUNE is UNE's centralized online repository; for further information contact Bethany Kenyon.

University Commons is being constructed adjacent to the BC Library and a bridge between the second floors will connect the two facilities.

Technology Grant: Library Services and COM Division of Geriatric Medicine have been awarded a National Network of Libraries of Medicine New England Region (NN/LM NER) Technology Grant for their project: "Empathy Learned through an Extended Medical Education Virtual Reality Project." Beth Dyer, Barbara Swartzlander, and Marilyn R. Gugliucci will work together to implement and evaluate the "We Are Alfred" software, developed by Embodied Labs, that will provide a virtual reality experience of what it is like to live with macular degeneration and hearing loss to all UNECOM first year medical students. This project will augment medical education through its virtual approach to improve understanding and experiences of older adults and its proactive focus on geriatrics. A kickoff date is being planned for January, 2017.

RefWorks: an online research management, writing and collaboration tool designed to help researchers at all levels easily gather, organize, store and share all types of information and to instantly generate citations and bibliographies, has been approved for institutional site license purchase and IT is waiting for funding to purchase.

Technology discussion: Microsoft OneDrive for Business, DropBox, Google Apps, include storage space; RedCap is UNE's IRB approved software for research surveys.

Blogging platforms: Louise Coburn, UNE's social media person, spoke to the CAS chairs about this issue (and other social media topics). She recommended that faculty/staff consider use of the platform MEDIUM. She reports this is a very user-friendly site and that she would be happy to help promote all entries. Faculty/staff who wish to have her help with linking/promoting their blogs should contact her directly.