Results from our Priorities Survey

- The top two results of the survey were orientation and student research mentors. The goal for this meeting was to discuss orientation, with a plan to talk about research mentors for the final meeting.

Library Orientation

- Vanessa Lawrence, a reference librarian who organized orientation activities for the Library in Fall 2015 went over some of the main activities, which included:
  - Welcome Desk: set up near front door for 1st 5 class days, to answer students’ questions and give away library-themed pencils, erasers, etc.

- We used to have tours, but people were not showing up (even if they signed up)
- The policy now is that if you want a tour, you contact subject specialist in that area.

General Feedback from Committee

- Not sure if scavenger hunt is meeting needs of students
- Students are not going to ask a subject specialist for a tour- too embarrassed to ask. Should continue to have tour and if people come that’s great, and if not it’s cancelled.
- Library needs to improve communication to students about our Orientation

What Orientation Should Cover

- The Committee made a variety of suggestions, including:
  - Don’t need history of building
  - Focus on big picture, services, facility
    - writing, reserves, research, photocopying, printing, grad space, silent floors
  - Point out where computers are
  - Point out where they can go for help (esp what Research Help Desk does).
  - Items you can borrow (headphones, chargers, etc.)
  - Know that you can enter the library through the tunnels
  - Timing of tours for grad students in 1st week is fine. (1st or) 2nd week for undergrads
  - Online tours: photos easier to update than videos

- Committee noted that LC signage should be improved; signs in the stairwells showing LC subjects on each floor, and more professional call number signage on the end of shelves