Minutes:
The meeting began with the showing of a film entitled, The King Size Diary. Produced in 1957, this 15 minute film gave a general tour of Newman Library and the services which were being offered at that time. This was seen through the perspectives of three users: a farmer, a professor and a housewife. While many things have changed since that time a number of similarities exist between the Newman of 1957 and today’s library.

An open forum was held after the film in which staff members brought up ideas and concerns for discussion. The biggest concern among staff is the lack of communication both within and between departments and the administration. It is difficult to be enthusiastic and to move forward with changes to the library when employees are not informed of the direction in which the library is heading. A concern was also raised as to the staff’s position within the university community - the feeling being that staff are not invited to actively or effectively participate in the university environment. It was recommended that a suggestion box only for library staff and faculty be created rather than having to share one with the university at large. This will most likely take the form of an anonymous listerv. Kevin Ford will be looking into these various issues and discussing them with Eileen.