A. Comments of the Chair – Arthur Kinney
Prof. Kinney shared a fundraising letter he received from the Huntington Library, which discusses the library’s focus on preserving and expanding their collections, the opposite of what many libraries are doing.
Prof. Kinney said that any RLC members who would like to see pictures from the Renaissance Center’s Italian Renaissance Harvest Banquet can give him their names and he’ll send the pictures to them.

B. Approval of the November 7, 2014 minutes
There was a motion to approve the minutes, which was moved and seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

C. Comments of the Director of Libraries – Jay Schafer
Mr. Schafer said the materials for the MakerBot Innovation Center, a 3D printing center, are on site and installation will happen in January. He then showed a video about the Smithsonian’s creation of a 3D portrait of President Obama.
Minimum wage is going up 75 cents on January 1, 2015. The Library has over 200 student employees; 25% of the Library’s student workers are at $8.25 per hour, 50% are at $9.00 per hour, and 25% are at $9.75 per hour. The Library’s Senior Management Group is discussing the ethics of the process and desire to raise all wages. If all student workers received a 75 cent increase, this would cost an additional $60,000 a year; a 50 cent increase for those making $9 and up would cost an additional $50,000. To cover these costs, the Provost suggested charging non-campus users to check out books in the Library. As a land grant institution, UMass has a long history of not charging state residents for library cards. The Library has about 600 public users and approximately 100-150 of those are high school students. There are also 250 alumni users who are not charged for library cards. Looking at peer institutions as well as other New England land grant institutions, about half of their libraries charge non-campus users for library cards.

Mr. Schafer said he doesn’t believe the other libraries in the UMass system charge non-campus users, and the Library would have to obtain the Board of Trustees’ approval in order to start charging non-campus users. These charges would not cover the cost of wage increases for all the student employees.
Comments from RLC members:
• Instead of charging for library cards, free library cards could be advertised in order to show how the Library is working for state residents. Donations could be solicited from those who obtain free library cards.
• Would there be a loss of goodwill if library cards were no longer free, and would people give up their free cards instead of paying the fee?
• There doesn’t seem to be a connection between the student raise and free library cards.
There was a motion for RLC to go on record supporting the present policy, which was moved and approved unanimously.

D. Comments of RLC Members
RLC members asked where the 3D printing center will be located and when it will open. Mr. Schafer said it will be located on the third floor of the Library in the Digital Media Lab and will hopefully be open by the beginning of the spring semester.
E. Capital Campaign Update and Faculty/Staff Giving – Carol Connare

Ms. Connare was not able to attend, so Mr. Schafer presented this topic in her absence. He met with the Library Campaign Committee on December 4th. The Library Campaign is at approximately 93% or 94% of its goal of $45 million. The campaign goes through June 2016 and there is $3 million to go.

The university’s campaign progress is also going well. The goal is to raise $300 million by the end of June 2016. There has been discussion as to whether the overall campaign should be called off when $300 million is reached or if the goal should then be raised. The decision was to keep going until the end of June 2016 and see how much is raised.

The faculty/staff campaign is part of this overall campaign. Mr. Schafer asked RLC members to remind colleagues that the Library is a great place to donate to. Up to $10,000 in gifts will be matched by the Chancellor.

F. Dissertation Digitization – Jessica Adamick and Meghan Bergin

Ms. Adamick and Ms. Bergin presented on the thesis and dissertation digitization project. Twenty thousand works dating back to 1896 will be digitized. Currently, there is online access to theses and dissertations from 1997-2014. The scope of the project is large, with contributions from almost every department. This is the first year of a ten-year project. This year 2,400 works will be digitized from the following departments: Afro-American Studies, Astronomy, Chinese, History, Psychology, and Polymer Science.

There has been a great author response. The Library has contact information for 1,500 authors and has received responses from 500 of them. Most of the respondents have opted in.

The workflow is as follows: Departments are selected and contacted, then authors are contacted and their responses are processed. Works are pulled and shipped to the Internet Archive located at the Boston Public Library where the works are digitized. The works are then uploaded to ScholarWorks. Once a link is live, it is sent to the author of the work along with a request for a donation.

Benefits of the project are:

- The university’s unique research is showcased.
- Since going electronic with theses and dissertations, there has been a huge increase in use over the print theses and dissertations.
- Alumni are excited about the project.
- All alumni are provided with copies of their theses and dissertations.
- Preservation of the dissertations and theses.

Ms. Schmidt said she receives statistics about downloads of her papers on ScholarWorks and asked if the authors of these works will receive those reports. Ms. Bergin said they could if their email address is in the system.

Mr. Schafer said the Library worked with the Graduate Council on the rules of making theses and dissertations available. There are options for students who don’t want their works to be open access immediately—for example, MFA students with publishable works.

The works are stored using HathiTrust, ScholarWorks, and the cloud, and will be stored at seven additional places in the future.

G. Facilities Update – Jay Schafer

Due to construction of the new South College wing, the loading dock will be out of service for about nine months. The original plan was to use a temporary loading dock on the pond side of the Library for a month while a new temporary loading dock was constructed on the west side of building. However, the estimated cost was $400,000-$500,000. There was a request from the contractor to reconsider and use the pond side loading dock for nine months. The Library agreed to do this. When the loading dock is moved to the pond side, truck traffic will come from Haigis Mall and behind Memorial Hall and the Old Chapel, then leave by the Student Union. There is a lot of student traffic that way, but there is no reasonable alternative.

With the money saved by not constructing the second temporary loading dock, the campus will help fund the renovation of the Library’s lobby. Mr. Schafer will bring the design firm’s planning options to RLC when they are available for input.

There is good news about the Old Chapel – construction will begin in 2015. The construction material delivery route for this project will be the same as the delivery route for the Library’s temporary loading dock.

The Provost announced at the last Faculty Senate meeting that “The Academy at Amherst” will be located on a floor of the Library. This will be a space for retired faculty to work on projects.

Prof. Kinney and Mr. Schafer will be putting together thoughts on use of the building and this will be a topic at a spring RLC meeting.
Mr. Schafer said the Research Policy Committee met that morning and voted to forward to the Research Council meeting on December 12 an open access policy. If the Research Council passes this policy, it will come to the other councils for review and comments. Mr. Schafer anticipates it will come to RLC in the spring if the policy passes.