Present: Molly Carpenter, Vladimir Chernov, Matthew Forman ’11, Matissa Hollister, Jeff Horrell, Douglas Irwin, Eliz Kirk, Klaus Mladek, Cynthia Pawlek, David Seaman, Ellen Waite-Franzen

The meeting began at 12:05pm.

1. Irwin opened the meeting with a round of introductions.

2. Jeff Horrell reported on new developments regarding the renovation of the Great Hall in Baker Library. Since the renovation approval was received in late December, things have moved forward quickly. He presented the architects model mock-up of the hall. The furniture has been ordered and plans are underway for the coffee bar in the area of the Berry News Center. The furniture in the Great Hall could be in place no sooner than eight weeks, but the coffee bar could take longer, based on permits and on the planning for the more extensive renovations. The initial phase will not include an opening between the News Center and the Great Hall.

3. Cyndy Pawlek gave us an update on BorrowDirect, which will include the libraries of MIT and Harvard starting later in the year. Dartmouth joined BorrowDirect around 2000 when there were 80,000 transactions per year, while now there are 144,000 per year. The feedback from Rapid (part of DartDoc) has also been good.

4. The meeting ended at approximately 1:15 pm.