The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Dr. Sunem Beaton-Garcia, Dean of Libraries and Academic Success Centers for Broward College.

Sunem welcomed the group and briefly recapped the purpose of this committee and the discussion that took place in our fall meeting. She reviewed the agenda for today’s meeting and the handouts provided to each attendee. Sunem asked anyone who has edits to the minutes from our fall meeting to please let her know.

Sunem introduced Associate Dean for Public Services Suzette Spencer and briefly reviewed her role in overseeing our service points (Reference Desk and Circulation) and the building.

Suzette discussed our resources and services at the University/College Library, including checking out books, accessing our databases, using our Interlibrary Loan service, or scheduling a Library Instruction Session or research appointment with our librarians. She showed everyone how to access the UCL website and provided an overview of the information contained on our site. Suzette also reviewed the steps to schedule a Library Instruction Session with our faculty librarians using our online appointment system. She noted those sessions can be held either in Room 104 of the library or the librarians can visit your FAU or BC classrooms on Davie campus.

Suzette introduced Faculty Librarian Elena Lazovskaia-Hall (who is also a voting member of this committee) and Elena reviewed the steps to login to our library databases for both Broward College and FAU patrons. Associate Dean for Technical Services Rich Ackerman noted that FAU students must visit our library one time in person to register to access our databases.
Elena highlighted a couple of databases that are unique to Broward College such as World Religions and Statista. She also reviewed the process to schedule research appointments with our librarians before turning the meeting back over to Suzette and Sunem.

Sunem asked our FAU committee members if one of our librarians could attend a future FAU faculty meeting to provide an overview of our resources and services. Patricia Willems noted they would be welcome to do so, but that FAU had just held a recent meeting in Davie which we missed. She noted that once the next meeting is scheduled on the Davie campus, we could make plans to attend.

Sunem took a few minutes to review our plans to renovate the first floor of the library. Construction is scheduled to begin on June 1st. The original plan was to handle construction in phases, but our Facilities team has told us the changes will now be done all at the same time. She noted we will have signage around the building to inform patrons of the renovations. Sunem briefly outlined changes to the floor including moving the FAU computer lab to the larger space of Room 104 (the room in which this meeting is taking place), creating new classrooms and a multimedia lab, and repositioning our Reference Desk to the east side of the floor.

To close out the meeting, Suzette took interested committee members on a tour of the service points (our Reference Desk and Circulation Desk) and showed them where various materials were located.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05am.