

## **Student Library Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

November 30, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Library Room 410

### Roll Call:

Members of the Student Library Advisory Council (SLAC) present:

Urvashi Saxena

Alex Rumsey

Thomas Haynie

Mike Patrick via Google Hangouts

Abdul Elnajdi

### Other Attendees:

Nancy Garmer, Acting Assistant Dean, User Experience + Learning

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Aabha Sant was unable to attend the meeting. Vice-Chair Thomas Haynie called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

New member Abdul Elnajdi was introduced to the current members.

The minutes from the last Student Library Advisory Council meeting, November 2, 2016, were reviewed. One change was made to Evans Library Report A. Urvashi Saxena is not continuing as Vice-Chair. Thomas Haynie is the new Vice-Chair. With the one change, minutes were approved.

### EVANS LIBRARY REPORT

- A. Nancy let Mike know that she confirmed that five SmartThinking hours are allocated just once when students enroll for online classes, but more can be requested as needed. They are not given five hours at the beginning of each semester.
- B. Nancy also followed up with Mike Patrick regarding his request to send events and workshop emails out to online students who live in Melbourne. She spoke to Shane Santana who is working with the Director of Online Learning to implement an opt-in email list for notifications. Mike commented that he spoke with Shane as well and received the same information.
- C. Nancy queried the SLAC members on several Library issues:
  - Were they aware that the Library was open during the Thanksgiving holiday? They all said yes and agreed that it was good to be open for the students who didn't leave for the long weekend – both international and domestic.
  - What has been the reaction to the new fourth floor study pods? Positive response and they are always full.
  - Were they aware of the DSL workshops this semester or the one this week on GIS Story Maps? They did not know about the Story Maps workshop, but even if

they did, all agreed that it is a bad time of year and they would not have attended anyway. Everyone is just focusing on finishing the semester. Also, the times are not good in general. They conflict with class times. Urvashi suggested after 6 or 7 on weekdays. Abdul said that he and many of his friends would attend workshops Friday evening or Saturday morning. Those are times that nothing else is scheduled.

## STUDENT LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE

- A. Urvashi suggested sending out an email on fitforum to recruit more people for SLAC as well as posting visible signs on the first floor of the Library to recruit heavy library users. The sign should advertise some of the things the council has accomplished or had a hand in. She suggested that a membership goal of 20 members would produce at least ten active members.
- B. Urvashi also suggested trying a more interesting approach to social media, such as editing photos before they are posted and posting entire albums of Friday After Hours events, so the people who participated can share and tag themselves in the photos. The posts should be more student focused and our social media should be about them. Abdul mentioned how FL Tech Instagram lets a student take over the feed for a week. He thought this would be interesting for the Library as well.

### Other ideas:

- Offer a prize to the nth # of people to Like our facebook page
  - Have a photo booth frame in the Lobby with the Evans Library hashtag
  - SLAC members invite their friends to like Evans Library
  - Brand Management – manage our online presence
- C. The members discussed Urvashi's proposed survey and agreed that it is too late in the semester to be any value. The original idea was to get it out before Thanksgiving, but now students are too concerned with finals. The group agreed to try for late January. Nancy suggested one open-ended question, such as: What would you like to see in the Library that we don't currently have?
- D. The 2017 Hackathon is confirmed for March 25-26.
- E. There was discussion about bringing the ISSS Coffee Hours back into the Library. There was much more engagement and interaction when they were held here. It is comfortable space that people can come with their friends. Now, it is just the international group of students that is being showcased who attend.

## ACTION ITEMS – Library

- (Holdover) Create a poster advertising the DSL technology and technology lending items
- Advertise for new SLAC members for January

Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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The next meeting of the Student Library Advisory Council is **TBD**.