Student Library Council  
Meeting Minutes  
11-29-2011  
1:00 – 2:00pm  
PCL 3.204  

Present: Louis Armendariz, Bishal Barman, Chris Carter (Guest Speaker), Cindy Fisher, Brionne Griffin, Catherine Hamer (recorder), Karen Holt, Mark Jones, Ilse Quijano, Katherine Strickland, Andrew Zigler  

1. Welcome & Introductions  
(Catherine/All)  
All attendees introduced themselves, a little about who they are (major or what they do in the Libraries), which libraries they typically use, and why they volunteered for the SLC.  

2. Council Charge:  
(All)  
The Student Library Council (SLC) is charged with maintaining effective communication channels between student organizations and the University of Texas Libraries. SLC serves as a conduit for the transmission of student needs and concerns to the University of Texas Libraries. SLC works with library administrators in reviewing uses of the Student Library Fee and other critical issues and policies.

The council reviewed the charge and discussed the nature and purpose of SLC meetings; agreed to keep meetings and discussions informal.  

3. PCL Facilities Upgrades  
(Chris Carter)  
a. New Group Study Rooms  
Chris Carter, Desktop Support and Facilities Coordinator for UT Libraries, discussed upgrades that will be happening over the winter break in PCL, including the addition of 2 new group study rooms, bringing the total to 23 by the beginning of Spring 2012.  

b. Media equipped Presentation Practice Rooms  
PCL will also bring online 3 more Presentation Practice Rooms, for a total of six across the Libraries:  
• PCL 3.106, PCL 4.106, PCL 6.106 – 60” TV on wall with multiple cable options for laptop connections  
• PCL 1.380 and PCL 4.110 – Media Scape system  
• DFA 4.102 – Fine Arts presentation practice and viewing room (TV + cables + DVD player)  
Find more information at http://www.lib.utexas.edu/studyrooms/index.php?mode=roomInfo  

c. 6th Floor: Electrical Outlets/furnishings  
In addition, new tables and chairs and power outlets will be added to the PCL 6th floor:  
• Adding 18 new tables along windows, with 8 seats and 12 outlets per table  
• Net increase of 104 new seats on PCL 6th Floor, a 25% increase in total quiet study seating  
• Increase of 216 new power outlets
• By Spring 2012, about 50% of quiet study seating will have convenient access to power outlets

4. Social Media/QR Codes & Student Engagement with Technology  (Brionne Griffin)
Brionne had submitted a question about how to brainstorm ways to get students more engaged with technology, including use of QR codes and social media. Some ideas included scavenger hunts or other contests with hidden QR codes. Other thoughts included using Foursquare and competing to be mayor of PCL for potential prizes. The discussion highlighted some of the ways the Libraries are already using QR codes (on maps in the map room, on stack guides, as links to PDQ videos, see http://www.youtube.com/user/utlibraries#g/c/9B34D56DCC0D6AE6 for more).
Other students without smartphones indicated that they were less interested in smartphone applications and more interested in texting services (a new catalog release this Spring will enable easy texting of book call numbers to one’s cell phone).

5. Upcoming events at FAL  (Karen Holt)
   a. Collegium Musicum Christmas Concert
   b. Film and Coffee Study Break
Karen highlighted some upcoming Library events at the Fine Arts Library, including a music performance by Collegium Musicum on December 2nd at 8pm. She also plans to schedule short films and coffee on December 7th.
Karen referenced the Libraries Calendar at http://lib.utexas.edu/calendar, indicating that this is a good way to find out about Library Classes and events such as Research + Pizza and Science Study Breaks.

6. Finals are approaching:  (Katherine Strickland)
   a. PCL open 24-hours November 26 – December 12
   b. Coffee & Cookies in Life Science Library and Engineering Library
Katherine reminded everyone that PCL was now open 24-hours through Final Exams. She also explained that the addition of the last week of classes to the 24-hour opening was a result of feedback from a previous Student Library Council.
Katherine also informed the SLC that during finals, the Engineering and Life Sciences Libraries offer free coffee and cookies.

7. What are we hearing from students?  (All)
Council members indicated that they have heard positive feedback from students about PCL’s end of semester 24-hour schedule.
Students would like to see enhancements to printing, including more quick print stations and Bevo Bucks printing in more locations.
Members wanted to know how they can help to better promote the Libraries, their events, and their resources. Promotion might include getting information on SAC TVs by having student organizations co-sponsor events, announcements at meetings can get information into newsletters, and students would be willing to help distribute flyers.

8. Agenda-building for next meeting  (Cindy Fisher/All)
For our next meeting, we hope to have Dr. Heath, Vice Provost and Director of the University of Texas Libraries available to address the Council.
Please send any other agenda items to Catherine, Cindy, Karen, or Katherine.