Student Library Committee Meeting Minutes from September 26, 2008

Present:
- Elizabeth George
- Chris Klabunde
- Crystal Kurzen
- Chloe Barnett
- Molly Hardy
- Sandra Gonzalez
- Lauren Ratliff
- Clint Chamerlain
- Cindy Fisher
- Matt Lisle
- Catherine Hamer

Minutes:

Intro -
- Members were introduced
- Catherine shared the SLC mission. There are several ways for members to provide feedback:
  o In meetings
  o Via e-mail correspondence w/ Catherine, Clint, Cindy, or Matt
  o Via the comment form at http://www.lib.utexas.edu/vprovost/meetings/slcminutes/slc_index.html

Questions/Comments from students
- Can library privileges be granted to grad students on maternity leave?
  o The status of students is determined by the Graduate School, which authenticates students verifies their credentials. Once a student is on leave, their EID is deactivated, which removes library privileges. This is an issue that would need to be taken up with the Graduate School.
- Can we have more power outlets to charge laptops?
  o 50 outlets were recently added to the 5th floor in PCL. New outlets were also installed in the Benson Library. We are continuing to try to find new places to install additional outlets, as needed.

Facilities
- The 5th floor in PCL has new furniture (300 chairs and 80 tables) and 50 new electrical outlets. The furniture can be moved around for group study.
- The Libraries have new sculptures in PCL and in the Life Science Library as part of the Landmarks Public Art Program. Read more at http://www.utexas.edu/features/2008/09/22/landmarks/
- There are six new Freshman Seminar rooms in the Life Science library. Two rooms are fully functioning, with others scheduled for later this year. These rooms are available for students to use when classes or meetings are not scheduled in them. For a scheduling a meeting, contact the School of Undergraduate Studies.

Checking Out laptops from PCL
- The libraries asked for $47,000 from ITAC to replace laptops that are currently being checked out. We started our program in PCL with 26 laptops. We had 20 at the beginning of the semester and now we are down to 9 that are still functioning. The ITAC funds were not granted, so we are investigating other options. One possibility is to begin directing students to ITS, who already has a laptop checkout program in the FAC. The libraries are meeting with ITS to see the feasibility of that plan.

Science Study Breaks
- The Life Science Library offers “Science Study Breaks” where science from popular movies or TV shows are discussed. Read more at http://www.lib.utexas.edu/lsl/StudyBreak/SSB.html

New features in Library Catalog
- Longhorn Review: UT community can submit reviews of any item in our catalog.
- LibraryThing tags and recommendations: User-generated tags and recommendations from LibraryThing are displayed.
- Google Books: Full text or limited preview of books are displayed in catalog. Read more about this feature at http://www.lib.utexas.edu/about/news/catalogfeature.html
- See an example of all 3 at http://catalog.lib.utexas.edu/record=b5222607

For Undergrads Page
- New page for undergraduates that offers one-stop shopping. See the page at http://www.lib.utexas.edu/students/

Comments and requests for future meetings
- Demo the new library Blackboard tool in next meeting
- Can part of PCL be opened 24 hours? Catherine will follow up...
- Can we demo searching special collections in our catalog (BLAC & HRC)? Possibly next meeting...
- Can Freshman seminar rooms be reserved by students? Catherine will follow up...
- Are there any Macs available in PCL? Can they print to color printers? Will follow up...
- What is the Google Scan progress?