Student Library Council  
Meeting Minutes 11-17-08  

Present: Elizabeth George, Chris Klabunde, Crystal Kurzen, Chloe Barnett, Molly Hardy, Sandra Gonzalez, Lauren Ratliff, Clint Chamberlain, Cindy Fisher, Matt Lisle, Daniella Martinez, Catherine Hamer  

1. **Update on Laptops**  
PCL once again has 26 laptops available for check out at PCL. We replaced the laptops in PCL 1.124, our instruction classroom, and recycled the older ones to PCL Circulation. We hope that these older laptops will last at least a year or so (we have a few extras as back up) until either we or the campus comes up with a long-term solution.  

2. **Role of a Subject Bibliographer**  
Lindsey Schell, English Literature & Women's Studies Bibliographer, joined our meeting to discuss the role of a Subject Bibliographer. She showed where to find the list of bibliographers on the Libraries web pages (http://www.lib.utexas.edu/admin/cird/bibliographer/bibsubject.html) and how to suggest a book purchase (see http://www.lib.utexas.edu/services/request/). There are about 35 subject bibliographers across the UT Libraries. They provide a number of services, including purchasing materials in their subject disciplines, liaising with faculty and departments, providing reference consultations, teaching classes, and maintaining subject pages.  

3. **Searching special collections (BLAC/HRC) in the catalog**  
Lindsey also showed some sample searching of special collections including how to use the dropdown list in the catalog to limit a search by location (e.g., Harry Ransom Center, Benson Latin American Collection). She also showed the Advanced Search feature which allows for limiting by material type, language, date, and publisher. Lindsey also pointed out the link that allows a “Browse by Former Owner, Printer/Press, or Binder.”  

4. **Library in Blackboard**  
Matt Lisle demonstrated links to library resources from within Blackboard courses. Called “Research Tools,” these links provided access to resources that are relevant, based on course prefixes. In addition to databases links, the Research Tools also provides contact information to appropriate Subject bibliographers and online Ask a Librarian help (email, chat, phone, etc).  

5. **Plagiarism Tutorial**  
Cindy Fisher showed the Libraries new Plagiarism Tutorial (see http://www.lib.utexas.edu/services/instruction/learningmodules/plagiarism/). The tutorial offers definitions of plagiarism, mini quizzes about what does or does not constitute plagiarism, as well as
tips on how to avoid plagiarizing. Discussion ensued about how such resources complement the SCC’s initiatives, including academic integrity.

6. **SURE Walk in PCL**
SURE Walk has contacted PCL and hope to begin offering service out of PCL in the Spring Semester.

7. **What does the library offer alumni?**
Cindy talked about benefits for alumni that include a free Courtesy Borrower card for Texas Exes members. Texas Exes can also access two online databases: Academic Search Alumni Edition and Business Source Alumni Edition. See [http://www.lib.utexas.edu/alumni/index.html](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/alumni/index.html) for more information.

8. **What are we hearing from students?**
   - Elizabeth George brought up the issue of textbook initiatives, including the eBooks licensing pilot for textbooks. Discussion also included whether or not the Libraries provided access to textbooks. Chris K. noted that Engineering does provide textbooks on Course Reserves. Others noted that PMA and Chemistry libraries also have many texts on reserve. Textbook access and ebooks will be on the agenda for our next meeting.
   
   - Chris Klabunde noted that PCL is open 24 hours during Final Exams. He noted that many students are finishing up papers or have their exams during the last week of regular classes and thought it would be helpful to more students of the PCL could begin staying open for 24 hours beginning the Monday of the last week of class. Please note this change to hours in PCL beginning Spring Semester 2009: **The Perry-Castañeda Library will be open continuously beginning at 7am on the second to last Friday of classes, May 1, and extending through 7pm Tuesday, May 19.**

   - Lauren Ratliff reported that there may be a proposal to ITAC to require every entering student to have a laptop. Others noted that this might be an issue for students with disabilities. Also, some schools (Business) and individual classes do not allow students to bring laptops to class.

9. **Next meeting after winter break**