Minutes

Student Library Council Meeting, University of Texas Libraries

Stakeholders: Student Library Council Members
Date: October 17, 2012
Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm
Location: PCL 3.204

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING
The Student Library Council (SLC) was created to give students a greater, more active voice in library-related issues and policy-making. SLC is a two-way forum for information exchange between students and the University of Texas Libraries administration.

BACKGROUND
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.

Discussion Points

1. Introductions (all)
2. Charge (Catherine)
3. 24-hour PCL (Wills)
   Thor and Wills provided a review of PCL 24/5 of kick-off activities on Monday 10/15 – over 400 in attendance, lots of enthusiasm.
   We all agreed that measuring use is an important part of 24/5 evaluation. PCL staff will be monitoring gate counts, doing headcounts, and monitoring PC logons and wireless connections. Future plans include stationing SURE Walk in PCL.

4. IT & Facilities upgrades (Chris)
   Chris Carter provided an overview of refurbished spaces and technology upgrades in PCL which include:
   - Increased from 17 to 33 group study rooms (136 seats to 306 seats) in three libraries
   - Created 10 presentation practice rooms
   - PCL 4th and 6th floor: 168 new seats with 252 new outlets on each level
   - PCL computer lab (2nd floor): 68 new high quality seats with 96 new outlets
   - Summary: 600 easily accessible outlets added to PCL; 100 outlets added to PMA; 60 outlets added to Life Science
   - All Libraries computers were upgraded from 17” monitors to 22”
   - Specialized software was added to Libraries computers: ArcGIS, Matlab, Labview with Math Scripts, Adobe Creative Suite 5.5, LaTex, Eclipse programming tools
   - Print System upgrades that include: new hardware (faster), printing costs have been reduced to 10 cents (from 13 cents); duplex printing is now available in all locations (looking into reducing cost of duplex printing); plan to lower costs of color printing.
   - KIC scanners have been added to PCL, FAL, Life Science, Geology, and PMA...Fast, high quality scans, free. Hope to add one to every library by next year.
5. What do you use the library for – study space, gathering, computers, just to pick up books? (all)

6. New Services
   a. scoUT (Cindy)
      Cindy Fisher provided an overview of scoUT and how it can search books, articles, news, and image content together in a single search. Katherine Strickland emphasized our desire to collect more feedback about scoUT via the feedback link.
   b. Library Materials Retrieval (Catherine)
      Catherine Hamer described the Library Materials Retrieval service: Books can now be requested from any library location for pick up at a circulation desk. This can mean pick up at the owning library or any other library on campus (excluding Law, HRC, and Briscoe Center)

7. Are there services you wish the Libraries provided? (all)
   More dry erase boards – 3 rolling white boards have been ordered for the 5th floor

Stakeholders:
Wills Brown, Student Government
Emily Bulger, Graduate Student Assembly
Cindy Fisher, First Year Experience Librarian, UTL
Catherine Hamer, Associate Director for User Services, UTL
Daisy Hao, Senate of College Councils
Geetika Jerath, Senate of College Councils
Thor Lund, Student Government
Amy Rushing, Head Librarian, Digital Access Services , UTL
Kara Scott, Graduate Student Assembly
Katherine Strickland, Coordinator, PCL Map Room, UTL
Andrew Zigler, Senate of College Councils

Meeting organizer:
Catherine Hamer

Other attendees
Chris Carter, Desktop Support and Facilities Coordinator, RE: agenda item 4