Student Library Council
February 10, 2006

Attending:
Molly Green, Filadelfo Martínez, Jignesh Shah, Melissa Diamantis; Joe Dobbs, Christian Kelleher, Meghan Sitar; Damon Jaggars, Jocelyn Duffy

Next Student Library Council meeting: March 24, 2006, 2:00-3:00pm

Notes:

PCL Food and Drink policy
- Allowing drinks with lids
- Senate College Council is interested in what the next step will be
- Open to feedback and input from students

[Jignesh Shah] Can the Libraries allow food in the PCL lobby?

[Damon Jaggars] Not at this time. It puts our staff in the position of policing users. It would be impossible to limit food consumption to just the lobbies. Users would take it all over the library. We are not currently hearing from users that this is a big issue since we changed the drink policy, but if it is, ask students to send e-mail or fill out a comment form and let us know what you want. Feedback will help us determine our next step.

Libraries marketing plan:
- Drafted proposal for the Marketing Department in the Business School
- Submitted to pool of project proposals for a graduate level class
- Libraries proposal was not chosen (up against corporate projects)
- We will resubmit in the fall to an undergraduate level class
- SLC may serve as a focus group when project is chosen

Prufrock’s:
- Possibility of being open 24 hours?
- Kay Sewell is contacting the manager of Prufrock’s, asking him if he can extend hours during finals

Audiobooks:
- Proposed solution – purchase a subscription to netLibrary (not iPod compatible) AND purchase a number of windows-based MP3 players for check-out
- netLibrary files – you can:
  o Download files to your computer and listen
  o Listen on windows-based MP3 player
  o Files are not Mac compatible at all (DRM issues)
    ▪ Current version of Macintosh’s Windows Media Player is not compatible
Another option is purchasing audio books on compact discs. The issue with that is once the popularity of the particular books wears off; we are stuck with a library of CDs. netLibrary is an ongoing subscription and we would continuously receive the latest and greatest.

Meghan Sitar: Is anyone looking at iPods for curricular support?

Damon: There are some discussions at the campus level of using iTunes for curricular support, especially for podcasting lectures. The iTunes store is not subscription based. It is an item-by-item system and they do not have a library licensing model.

Joe Dobbs: Can you interlibrary loan audiobooks from the Austin Public Library?

Damon: I don’t think that is a viable option. Several library administrators, including myself, have a meeting with Omar Ochoa and Michael Windle to discuss the issue. Students are asking for audiobooks and the Student Government is trying to move the issue along.

Group Study Reservations:
- Working on pilot
- Using a web form to reserve a small number of the 11 rooms
- Will be self-policing

Jignesh Shah: I like idea, but all of the rooms should not be reserve-able, some should remain walk-in.

Damon: Yes, some of the rooms will stay walk-in. And if a room is not reserved, it would be available for walk-in. We will not allow recurring reservations.

Melissa Diamantis: Will they use this system over in FAC?

Damon: If it works out here in PCL, we can recommend it.

Melissa: I’m not sure if that would be a good idea or not.

Molly Green: You would need to print out a schedule.

Meghan: We have discussed that but it will not remain accurate for the day. People will need to be able to add and remove reservations in real time.

Damon: We will also have signs up indicating which rooms are reserve-able and we will establish a time limit.
Oxford Reference online:
- Link is available under Electronic Books
  (http://www.lib.utexas.edu/books/etext.html)
- Select Major Text Sites and then scroll down to the O’s

New York Times online:
[Molly] Reading the New York Times online now requires payment. Is there a way to get to it through the library?

[Meghan] You can use Factiva, although the interface is not the greatest.

[Joe] From the home page, it’s under Databases and Indexes. Then select “F” and click on Factiva. It takes a few moments to load and then you scroll down to the New York Times. It is usually the second paper listed, after the Wall Street Journal.

Factiva does not provide 100% of the content due to licensing, but if you click on the drop-down list you will see that there is quite a lot. It includes Letters to the Editor and Opinion.

Flawn Academic Center:
[Melissa] Are people allowed to talk and have group study on the third floor of the FAC? When will they start enforcing the quiet study on the third floor?

[Damon] I believe that area has been designated group study space and we have suggested using the Life Science and Architecture libraries for quiet study. But, if this is an issue with students, get them to send us e-mails or submit comments. If there is student concern, then this is something we can bring up with ITS.

[Jignesh] It may be difficult to maintain quiet since that is where the computers are.

[Damon] It may not be the best place for quiet study space, but if students are seeing problems, we will investigate.

Other issues:
[Joe] Do you have an update on custodial staff putting recycling into the dumpster at FAC?

[Damon] The supervisor of the custodial staff assured Kay that he will make sure his staff know the difference between trash and recycling. We believe it was a training issue.

[Christian] The Graduate Student Assembly had two areas of concern. The first is Prufrock’s. There is nothing in Prufrock’s that indicates why it is named that. What is the meaning behind the name? Also, there is no clock.
Their second concern is a request for e-copies of the Harry Potter series. The print copies have terrible bindings.

[Melissa] I tried to use e-books over the break, but there was not a big selection of popular books.

[Damon] netLibrary is probably your best bet, it has a mix of popular and scholarly.

[Meghan] The computer lab on the first floor of the FAC is now open for use.

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