Student Library Council  
October 27, 2006

Attending:  
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Notes:  
**Introduction to the Student Library Council:**
- Established by Libraries as a student-focused outgrowth of the University Library Committee
- Librarians will be attending SG, SCC, and GSA meetings
- The group is intended to provided constructive feedback and often serves as a focus group
- Please feel free to use the mailing list and the comments form to communicate concerns. Direct other students to the comments form as well if they have concerns.

[Beth Dawson]  
How many comments are submitted through the form?

[Damon Jaggars]  
It depends what issues are currently a concern for students.

**Extended Hours update:**
- The day-to-day operations of the Flawn Academic Center were taken over by ITS. When President Powers took office, there was a transition in ITS leadership. During the interim, a decision was made to the change the hours of the facility based on budget issues.
- Damon has been gathering input from students and sharing it with Dr. Heath and Dr. Brian Roberts, the new CIO of ITS, with the goal of implementing a solution in the spring.
- There isn’t a specific answer yet about whether an extended hour facility will be provided by the Libraries or by ITS in FAC.
- ITS and the Libraries are working together to develop a cost-effective solution that works for students.
- An announcement should be made in the next month or so about what that solution will be for the spring.

[Elizabeth George]  
How much will a solution cost?

[Damon Jaggars]  
That’s what we’re currently determining. In their comments, students seem to prefer FAC and computer access over access to the materials at PCL.
MySpace/Facebook and the Libraries:
- Meghan Sitar showed the Libraries’ presence in both MySpace and Facebook. Both social networks are being used to connect with students, promote events, and publicize new materials and services available in the Libraries.

Integrated Library System update:
- Jill Emery discussed the implementation of a new integrated library system, which will support both the operations that users don’t see (acquisitions, inventory, etc.) and the public interface of the library catalog.
- Mock-ups of the new catalog interface are in process. A version of the public interface will be ready in the Spring and we will begin asking for student feedback then.
- The new ILS will solve a lot of problems, like allowing us to notify users before a book is overdue and enabling “My Account” and saved searches features that will allow personalization. There may also be a possibility of implementing self-checkout with the new system.
- As you encounter problems with the current catalog, let us know. They may be solvable in the new system.
- The new system will also integrate better with bibliographic management software like EndNote.

[Beth Dawson]  
You can’t do too much user testing. Instructors who teach substantial writing component courses who encourage their students to use library resources should also be consulted.

[Damon Jaggars]  
Library Instruction Services will be working with instructors and students to provide training on the new system.

[Elizabeth George]  
How much will the catalog change for the average student?

[Damon Jaggars]  
You’ll see changes in searches from title to keyword searches. There will be some Amazon-like functionality and spell-check. Future versions of the catalog may allow user comments and the creation of subject-specific sub-catalogs. Renewal warnings and a Google-type ranking of results will also be available.

Group Study Reservation System:
- We will be implementing an online reservation system for some of the group study rooms in PCL. There are 10 group studies currently available, but only 6 will be available for reservations to continue to allow for walk-up access.
- Each EID will be allowed 4 hours of reservations each week.
A group is defined as 2 or more.
Signage will indicate the rooms that are on the reservation system and will explain that reservations take precedence over walk-ins for those rooms.
There is a concern about graduate students using this system to reserve rooms for office hours.
Three additional rooms may be added soon.
The timeline currently has the system scheduled to go online just before finals. Final updates will be made in the next week and signage will be put in place to warn users that the system will soon be in use.

[Beth Dawson]
Can the Health Resources Library in the Student Services Building be added to the Library Catalog?

[Damon Jaggars]
That depends on whether that library is interested in providing that kind of access and the costs attached to adding those materials to our catalog. There are many libraries on campus that are not part of the University Libraries system and that choose to maintain separate cataloging systems.

[Jill Emery]
The new ILS will make it easier for our catalog to be cross-searched with other institutions, like the Austin Public Library, through the Library of Texas project. WorldCat can also be used for this purpose.