Student Library Council
December 1, 2006

Attending:
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Notes:
Feedback for the new catalog interface:
- Presented by Becky and Mairi
  - Current catalog: http://utdirect.utexas.edu/lib/utnetcat/index.WBX
  - Out of the box catalog from III: http://catalog.lib.utexas.edu
  - First draft of UT Austin version of catalog: http://catalog.lib.utexas.edu:2082
- Gathering feedback on first draft from library staff and library users
  - Asking about wording and available options
- Other sources of data
  - How people use the current library catalog
  - Usage data from other academic libraries
  - The default catalog settings used by our peer institutions
- Will have a working prototype early 2007 that will allow for more in-depth usability studies
- Mairi asked the SLC to fill out the feedback form about the first draft
- Once the working prototype is available Becky and Mairi will meet with SLC again for more feedback

Group Study reservation system:
- System went live on Monday, 11/27 and is already in use
- Permanent signage for the rooms is on order
- Asking people to print their reservation request and bring with them
  - Can use to gain access to the room if occupied by others
  - Can use if need to ask for help from the Information Desk or from the guard (if the Information Desk is closed)
- Link to reservation system under Library Services → Study Spaces
  - http://www.lib.utexas.edu/services/study.html

Extended Hours update:
- ITS and Student Government are working together on a funding solution
- Would like to make FAC an extended-hour study space – it is a more cost-effective space than the PCL
- The Libraries will help with bridge funding if ITS cannot find funding to extend hours in the spring

NoodleBib demonstration:
- Citation software to help you gather and format your bibliographies
• Found on the Libraries web site under Resources For You → Undergraduates
• http://www.lib.utexas.edu/noodlebib/
• Required to set up an account when first use
• Uses the last 4 digits of your telephone number to track your account
• Be careful when choosing the phone number you’re going to use – after a couple of moves it may be difficult to remember 2 or 3 phone numbers back
• Allows you to save your citations and bibliographies
• Can share citation lists and email them
• Handles many different types of resources (blogs, books, e-journals, etc)
• Formats in either MLA or APA styles only
• Easy step-by-step process to add new citations
• Funded by the Libraries and the Undergraduate Writing Center
• EndNote is a more robust citation package used mostly by graduate students
• The spring library instruction schedule includes several daytime classes on EndNote and we were able to schedule a first evening class

Student comments/concerns:

[Rachel Hertz] What is the difference between bringing our concerns to the SLC versus putting them in the suggestion box?

[Damon Jaggars] The comments and questions we get from you here is another stream of information that we collect and add to the comments that we get through the suggestion box, through the Libraries online comment form and from the SLC web form. We aggregate the comments together and sort by topic to see what the major topics are, where the numbers of comments are increasing – where we’re doing well and where we need to do some work.

[Rachel]
(Concerns from students)
The chairs in PCL are not ergonomic. We need chairs with back support.

[Damon] We are working on this. Part of the solution is that we plan to replace most of the furniture on the fifth floor in the coming year. Over time, with funding, we will replace more of the furniture throughout the building.

When will the recall notification system be online and use email?

[Damon] Email notification will be part of the new library system. We plan to go live with the system in May 2007.

When will the wireless access in PCL be improved?

[Damon] The Libraries is submitting an ITAC proposal requesting funding for ubiquitous wireless in PCL. ITAC is the Information Technology Advisory Committee. It advises the Provost on the policies, priorities and strategies to be followed to maximize the uses of the information technology student fee to enhance the academic instructional programs at The University.
Is there anything Student Government or the SLC can do to move the discussion about extended hours forward?

The Libraries are waiting for an announcement from ITS about their intentions. The members of Student Government working with ITS on the issue can ask ITS directly, “Where does the issue stand?”

When will the Libraries extend their hours for finals?

PCL will go 24 hours starting when it opens at 7am on December 8 till it closes at 7pm on December 19th. The FAC first floor Reading Room and Lab are scheduled to be open continuously from 10am, Dec. 10 through 5pm, Dec. 20. The second and third floors will be open 8am to 10pm during the weekdays and 10am to 10pm on weekends.