

## **Student Library Council Annual Report, 2004-2005 School Year**

### **Council Charge:**

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.

### **Members:**

Joe Dobbs (UTL), Virtual Reference Coordinator  
Lauren Anne Cove (GSA), Graduate Student, Educational Administration  
Cale McDowell (SCC), Senior, Finance  
AJ Johnson (UTL), Information Literacy Librarian  
Amber Feldman (UTL), Graduate Student, Theatre & Dance  
Rachel Mitchell (GSA), Graduate Student, Music  
Alisha Little (UTL), E-Journal Metadata Librarian  
Anna Gonzalez (UTL), Senior, Classics  
Angela Palmer (SCC), Graduate Student, Information Studies  
Rachel Horton (SG), Junior, Accountin0g - Professional Program  
Jules Vieau (GSA), Graduate Student, LBJ Public Affairs/Asian Studies  
Candace Chui (SCC), Senior, Biology  
Matt Leung (SG) , Junior, Public Relations  
Brian Wachholz (UTL) , Sophomore, Mechanical Engineering

### **Summary:**

The Student Library Council met five times during the 2004/2005 school year. These meetings were used as a forum in which to inform student members of the council about improvements and changes taking place in the libraries, in addition to educating them about library services and practices that would be useful to them. The meetings were also used to gather student suggestions and complaints about the libraries in order to improve services, practices and facilities.

During these meetings, librarians gave presentations on the following:

- Journal Pricing, Licensing and Use
- Fine structure
- Using databases and SFX
- Ask A Librarian service

Library representatives of the Student Library Council attended over 50 Student Government (SG), Graduate Student Assembly (GSA), and Senate of College Councils (SCC) meetings throughout the year. In addition, they set up a booth at the GSA Barbecue during the first week of school to advertise library services.

Changes and improvements to library services, practices and facilities over the last year that came about due to the Student Library Committee included:

- The Student Microcomputing Facility in the UGL extended its hours to 2AM nightly (Due to SLC and other student comments)
- Night guards in the PCL and UGL were equipped with laptops to look up student ID's after 10:00 PM if students don't have theirs (Due to SLC and other student comments)
- SLC input was used to modify and improve the new 'library access after 10PM' policy
- Book drops emptied more frequently during end of semester as a result of GSA requests
- SMF changed their closing policies to stay open until the hour instead of closing 15 minutes before the hour due to student comments to the SLC
- Hand sanitizers were placed in high use areas of the libraries due to input from a SLC student member
- Online recall of materials from the Collections Deposit Library was supported by the SLC and the council helped make this available