

## **Student Library Council Annual Report, 2005-2006 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:**

Candace Chui (SCC), Senior, Government  
Meg Clifford (SG), Senior, Spanish and Government  
Melissa Diamantis (SG), Senior, Psychology  
Farzin Dinyarian (SCC), Senior, Business Honors Program  
Joe Dobbs (UTL), Virtual Reference Coordinator, PCL Reference & Information Services  
Molly Green (SCC), Junior, Radio-Television-Film  
Kathryn Jones (UTL), Junior, Public Relations and German  
Christian Kelleher (UTL), Archivist, Rare Book & Manuscript Collection  
Filadelfo Martínez (UTL), Graduate Student, Spanish and Portuguese Department  
Rachel Mitchell (GSA), Graduate Student, Music  
Jignesh Shah (GSA), Graduate Student, Biomedical Engineering  
Meghan Sitar (UTL), Instruction & Outreach Librarian, Library Instruction Services  
Kim Skrobarcek (SG), Senior, Biology  
Shannon Stackhouse (GSA), Graduate Student, Educational Administration

### **Summary:**

The Student Library Council met six times during the 2005-2006 school year. These meetings, chaired by Associate Director for Student & Branch Services Damon Jaggars, were used as an open forum to gather student input about the libraries in order to improve services, practices, and facilities. The meetings were also used to inform student members of the Council about improvements and changes taking place in the libraries, and to educate them about library services and practices that would be useful to them and their colleagues.

During these SLC meetings, librarians gave presentations on the following:

- Ask a Librarian and Chat (IM) Reference
- Electronic Books
- Find an Article and MetaLib
- e-Audiobooks in NetLibrary

Library representatives Joe Dobbs, Christian Kelleher, and Meghan Sitar attended over 50 Student Government (SG), Graduate Student Assembly (GSA), and Senate of College Councils (SCC) meetings throughout the year. In addition, Vice Provost and Director of the University of Texas Libraries Fred Heath and Damon Jaggars met with the leaders from each group.

Changes and improvements to library services, practices, and facilities over the 2005-2006 school year that came about due to direct involvement of the Student Library Council included:

- The University Libraries offering audiobooks from NetLibrary to meet student demand
- Library classes on making bibliographies with EndNote software were offered in the evenings as well as during the day to better fit students' class and work schedules
- Hours and services at the Prufrock's coffee shop were improved with input from SLC and other student comments
- The food and drink policy at PCL was updated due to SLC and other student comments to accommodate the presence of Prufrock's
- Circulation periods for audiovisual materials from the Fine Arts Library and FAC were coordinated to improve access for students