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Library Student Advisory Council

2024-25

Meeting Notes for:

October 29, 2024

November 19, 2024

January 21, 2025

February 17, 2025

April 15, 2025

May 20, 2025

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Location: Geisel Library- Seuss Room

Date: October 29, 2024

Time: 5:00- 6:30 PM

Attendees: Dani Cook, Jason Schulz, Roxi Haji, and Kris deKlerk

Meeting Overview

Dani welcomed approximately 25 new and returning student members to the first LSAC meeting of the 2024-'25 academic year while we were all treated to a delicious dinner from Curry-Up.

Agenda Items

1. Welcome and introductions (Skittles Round 1)
2. LSAC role , Impact, and Expectations
3. Upcoming Opportunities
   a. Social events once per quarter
      i. Our first event was the tunnel reopening on Thursday 10/24 at 5 p.m.
      ii. We'll have a movie night in winter quarter
   b. Opportunities to participate in user experience (UX) projects
      i. Upcoming citation management study
      ii. We are working hard on the website!
   c. Design role in developing the CCR (if we move forward)
   d. Invitations to Library events and we always love to have LSAC students join us for tabling!
   e. Careers in Libraries and Archives event - Wednesday, November 6 at 4 p.m.
4. The Library Budget
   a. We received the final word on the budget in early summer
   b. We had projected potential actions for 3, 5 and 10% cuts
   c. Many of the cuts are still being felt primarily internally; the two major impacts to students thus far are the hours and desktop computing
   d. When there is an opportunity to consult with LSAC, we will do so
      i. we are keeping communication as open as possible
      ii. counting on the students to share information with other students

Some questions and concerns from the students included- cleaning supplies, earplugs, reserves- replacing missing copies and/or getting more, subscriptions cuts, collection cuts, destress events, electrical outlets, and how can students get students to use less resources.

Some programs we provide are donor funded and have nothing to do with the budget.

Jason also explained to the group that current projects, ie- the HVAC upgrade, were started before budget cuts were anticipated, are funded from a different source than the Library budget, and are definitely necessary based on the fact that the system is original and old!

5. Pop-in mentoring feedback (Skittles Round 2)

    a.   One-hour event with snacks
    b.   Hosted by the LAUC-SD Mentoring Committee
    c.   UC San Diego librarians share about their roles and work, then offer a Q&A with attendees
    d.   Tailored to those who are interested in library work, curious about the different areas of a library, and/or pursuing an education or career in librarianship

We passed out a questionnaire asking for feedback whether this should happen or not. It seemed pretty well received. More to come!

6. CCR Discussion

    a.   Have you completed a CCR before?
    b.   What is the value of a CCR to you?
    c.   CCRs have to be 30 hours of work over the course of a year. How might we consider breaking that up over time?
    d.   Are there more in-depth activities that you would like to participate in via LSAC as part of a CCR certification?

A lot of interest and a lot of suggestions: CCR meetings every week/month, no more meetings, tabling, social events, project based, working groups, destress events volunteers, programming, commitees, advocating for LSAC, attend library events

Some of the students have already participated in other CCR programs and they've found it very valuable. They like the relaxed time commitment that comes with not having more meetings but more projects and/or assigments. A suggestion was made to include a survey at the end of an event for those who weren't able to attend to fill out for partial credit.

There is concern if it can be offered to current LSAC students- many fourth year students would miss this opportunity

A suggestion was made to offer CCR as an option to LSAC students. Those interested in CCR would operate separately and in addition to LSAC meetings.

Project ideas that came out of this discussion- either as a CCR project or as an LSAC project
    Implement an I-Clicker exchange program
    Create more user-friendly ways to find books on the shelves

7. I Like/I Wish/What If?

We ran a little short on time for the students to focus on this but there are post-it notes with their ideas on them

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Welcome

Dani Cook, Associate University Librarian for Learning and User Experience, welcomed all of the Library Student Advisory Council members to the second LSAC meeting of the 2024-2025 academic year. She also highlighted the upcoming events hosted by the Library. She also promoted the Fall Feedback Fest surveys.

Incident Debriefing

Dani Cook debriefed the Council on the incident in the Library on November 6, 2024.

Library Employment

Rachel Almodovar, Program Director for Library Employee Services, presented on Library employment opportunities for students, along with ways to stand out in the resume screening and interview process.

LSAC as part of the Co-Curricular Record (CCR)

Roxy Haji, Assessment Specialist, shared the Library's effort for making the Library Student Advisory Council an activity to be part of co-curricular record. She polled LSAC members on the activities that could be incorporated in LSAC to make it part of the CCR. Students were asked to jot down 1-3 ideas that could be incorporated in the 30 hours necessary for a CCR proposal. Students then passed their ideas to another council member for feedback and to build on. Some highlighted ideas shared in the debrief following the activity include:

- Interacting with college councils/ Associated students
  - Event programing
  - Tabling within the colleges
  - Large scale advocacy for improving and highlighting library impact
- Programing within the library
  - Displays
  - Shadowing a staff member
- Book recommendations- Book of the Month
- Accessibility to Library services
  - Student planned tours
  - Student led orientation activities
- Tabling
  - Library Walk
  - Involvement Fairs
  - Talk about services at the table
- LSAC split into Groups that work on smaller projects
  - Able to work on different things throughout the year
- LSAC Merchandise
  - Designing a logo

- Library mascot
- Student run library newsletter
    - Committee for programing
- Volunteering at other library events
- LSAC Members attend staff meetings
- Group activities
    - Study jam
    - Sewing event
    - Arts & crafts events
    - Movie night
- Reporting on how areas of the library are functioning
- Tours for freshmen
- Maps of the library
- History of the library
- Social media- online footprint
- Decorating
- Surveys
- Interactivity
    - Scavenger hunts with newsletter
- Interviewing other students with fun activities- student centered content
- Meeting with different departments in the library and writing a report
- Hosting clubs
- Posting flyers outside of the library
- Collaborate with the public library

How would you track CCR?
- Spreadsheet to track hours
- Student is the one who records

Library News & Events

- **FALL FEEDBACK FEST**: Throughout the month of November, express your opinions about the Library and its offerings by completing short surveys for multiple chances to win prizes. Complete 3 surveys per week to be entered into our weekly drawing for a chance to win a Bookstore gift card. Complete all 9 surveys by Saturday, November 30, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. PST to be entered into the raffle for a Library-themed shirt.
- **CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY WORKSHOP**: Join the Chinese Studies Program, Center for Taiwan Studies, and the Library on November 18th from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Classroom 1 for two workshops with special guest Joan Yin from the San Diego Botanic Garden. This workshop is open to anyone in the UC San Diego community who wishes to learn Chinese calligraphy. **Seating is limited**, so advanced registration is encouraged to ensure your spot.

- **YOGA AT GEISEL**: Join the Library and Recreation for indoor yoga on Thursdays from 1-2 p.m. in the Geisel Meeting Room (1st Floor East). Offered weekly during Weeks 1-10 (except November 27), the classes are by registration only and free for students and for staff with a Recreation Pass. Weekly registration is required. Please bring your own yoga mat and props.
- **LOFI STUDY JAM**: The Library is opening up a quiet space for a midterms study jam on November 19th filled with beats from popular lo-fi hip-hop radio stations, coffee and tea and chill vibes. Bring anything you're working on and drop in anytime between 3-6 p.m. for a dedicated productivity time. Registration is not required. There may be a special guest from 3-4 p.m.
- **ANNUAL TURKEY CALLING SHOW**: This noisy show at the Library has become a community tradition and is returning on November 24th from 12-1 p.m. in the Seuss Room. Presented as an old-time radio show, this celebration is filled with music, sound effects, stories and facts of interest… prizes, too (no one leaves empty-handed). Your host and bandleader Scott Paulson, a UC San Diego alumnus and exhibits and events coordinator at the Library, has been lauded by the San Diego Union-Tribune for his entertaining shows. This event is free and open to the public. Registration is not required.
- **EMBODIED PACIFIC – A SEWING CIRCLE WITH ARTIST LAURYN SMITH**: Join us for a hands-on sewing circle on November 22 from 1-2 p.m. in the Seuss Room to create garments honoring the contributions of oceanographers Easter Ellen Cupp, June Pattullo, and Anita Smith Hall. This event is part of the Embodied Pacific: Three Lives exhibition, currently on display in the Exhibition Gallery at Geisel Library. No prior sewing experience is required. Material and tools will be provided. If you have a sewing kit, feel free to bring it along! This event is free and open to the public. **Space is limited**, so registration is required.
- **UC GIS WEEK**: The University of California (UC) system is hosting its annual UC GIS Week from November 19-21, 2024. This event celebrates all things mapping and geospatial of the UC faculty, staff, students, and alumni.
- **ART OF SCIENCE 2024 EXHIBITION**: The exhibition will feature seven winning images from the Library's 2024 Art of Science contest, along with select works from the 2021, 2022, and 2023 contests at the Ida & Cecil Green Faculty Club through December 16, 2024.
- **CAREER IN ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES**: Curious about student careers in archives and libraries. Join the information session with Lynda Claassen, Director of Special Collections & Archives, and her colleagues on November 20th at 4 p.m. in the Seuss Room (Geisel Library 2nd Floor West) to learn more!
- Two-Year Geisel Library HVAC Project Begins with One-Day Building Closure on Oct. 14 and Temporary 4th Floor Closure on Oct. 15
- Your Guide to the Library: Academic Year 2024-25
- New Open Access Agreement Between the University of California and Taylor & Francis
- 2024-25 Updates to Library Hours and Services