

**UBC Library – Library Student Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**January 27, 2014, 5:00 to 6:30 pm**  
**256, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre**

<b>Present:</b> Parth Arora, Kai Ying Chieh, Teri Grant, Arooj Hayat, Nasrin Himani, Silvia Leung , Julie Mitchell, Hanna Murray, Espen Stranger-Johannessen, James Watson		
<b>Regrets:</b> Michelle Weinstein, Kristen Carter		
<b>Chairs:</b> Julie Mitchell, Teri Grant		
Agenda Item	Summary	Action
1. Library Space Presentation	Julie delivered a presentation that provided a past, present and future overview of learning space at UBC Library. Presentation available on the <a href="#">UBC Library Student Advisory Committee</a> webpage.	FYI
2. Design thinking discussion on Library space	<p>Teri Grant led the students through a design thinking exercise to get feedback</p> <p><b>STEP 1   Uncovering the Possibilities:</b> <i>In 2017, how might Library study spaces look?</i></p> <p>STUDY AIDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tea/coffee, or free food all the time (at study stations next to the scrap paper)</li> <li>• Coffee stations or hot water for tea (James agrees)</li> <li>• Vending machines in all rooms (for stationary)</li> <li>• Borrowing big hard drives for large files in research projects</li> <li>• Free gifts every day/riddles or daily huge puzzles in center of the room</li> <li>• Access to tutors for help in any subject</li> </ul> <p>CONVENIENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Checking out materials on our phones/tablets</li> <li>• U-pass/bus pass registers in all libraries</li> <li>• What you wish to see/improve (huge survey for every student)</li> <li>• Mini gym (releases endorphins, better studying)</li> </ul>	FYI

(STUDY) SPACE

- Meditation room
- Removal of computers (excluding Macs) so as to create more room for communal space
- Some way to make it easier to study alone with stuff (no risk of stuff being stolen)
- Underground tunnels connecting all libraries
- Energy sustainability
- Wi-Fi outside with lots of hot spots
- Locker spaces for rent/cushioned group spaces or lounges
- Comfy outdoor spaces with Wi-Fi and power supply
- Individual study carrels that are completely walled off (no sound)
- Drawers at study desk, that can be locked for individual to leave easily
- Some rooms that are first-come, first-served
- Unlimited study space (no more hunting for spots)
- CRAZY IDEA: personal cubby for 4 years → one place for you to study depending on major/field
- A couple of rooms with study music playing
- Many small rooms – ideally so many that booking would not be required

SEATING

- Hammocks in the air for napping or resting
- Better tables in Chapman/IKB as a whole – more organized/stable locations
- Basement of K. Barber made nicer → basic arrangement the same
- All seating be comfortable
- Get the long tables back (long computer tables)
- Reclinable chairs with good foot rests
- Sit on aquarium chairs or/and tables (look down table or chair and see through aquarium)
- Have more comfortable study spaces with comfy chairs

AESTHETIC/LIGHTING

- Aquarium room with natural lighting
- Sculptural lighting – variety of table and hanging lamps

- Better lighting in open study spaces like IKB 4<sup>th</sup> floor (some spots are really dark)
- Art display experiment case on every floor of every library
- A fireplace at every study space grouping
- More light
- Desks have individual lamps if you need more light at times
- Have a mascot
- Tree house
- A “Bookless Hogwarts” → libraries must inspire – more study space with ‘ye olde’ feel
- Switching room theme decorations occasionally (dangling stars, lego theme, etc...)

**STEP 2 | Describing Reality:** *What do we already know about...*

STUDY SPACE

- IKB space is very crowded (inefficient use of space)
- Lack of space and bookable rooms
- Study space space is increasing
- The circular tables at Chapman Learning Commons are hard to use/not practical
- People like having room to study
- There is a finite amount of space
- There are comfy silent rooms
- What space is available for expansion/renovation? What isn't?
- Areas like IKB can become crowded with people studying
- Don't have enough bookable rooms for the entire student population
- Decorum needs to be maintained

STUDY AIDS

- Students are always hungry and thirsty
- Students need to refuel when they are studying
- Sauder kids get “study aids” in form of coffee (free)
  - Pay more?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People love technology that they already know how to use</li> <li>• Laptops and chargers are available for students to check out</li> <li>• There are workstations for online study aid access</li> </ul> <p><b>STEP 3   Moving Forward:</b> <i>What do we need to know about...</i></p> <p>STUDY SPACE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What students don't like about the current space</li> <li>• What students like about or want with a study space</li> <li>• What tables/furniture to students like the most</li> <li>• What specific resources do different student groups use the library for?</li> <li>• How can we keep our stuff safe if we need to leave it for a few minutes to go to the washroom/get coffee?</li> <li>• What is the library's budget to expand study spaces</li> <li>• Do we want to the most modern/creative furnishing for UBC or is there a limit?</li> <li>• What image or theme are we trying to present with UBC?</li> </ul> <p>STUDY AIDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What stuff is offered elsewhere? Not at all?</li> <li>• How much business will we lose for other companies if we have free food all the time?</li> <li>• We need to know if there is demand for "study aids" such as coffee</li> <li>• Library budget to increase study aids?</li> </ul>	
6. Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next meeting will take place on April 7, 2014.</li> </ul>	FYI
<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b> 6:30pm		
<b>Next Meeting:</b> TBA		
<b>Recorder:</b> Julie Mitchell		