

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

Present: Parth Arora, Kai Ying Chieh, Teri Grant, Arooj Hayat, Nasrin Himani, Silvia Leung , Julie Mitchell, Hanna Murray, Espen Stranger-Johannessen, James Watson		
Regrets: Michelle Weinstein, Kristen Carter		
Chairs: 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 UBC Library Student Advisory Committee 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>STEP 1 Uncovering the Possibilities: <i>In 2017, how might Library study spaces look?</i></p> <p>STUDY AIDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tea/coffee, or free food all the time (at study stations next to the scrap paper) • Coffee stations or hot water for tea (James agrees) • Vending machines in all rooms (for stationary) • Borrowing big hard drives for large files in research projects • Free gifts every day/riddles or daily huge puzzles in center of the room • Access to tutors for help in any subject <p>CONVENIENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checking out materials on our phones/tablets • U-pass/bus pass registers in all libraries • What you wish to see/improve (huge survey for every student) • Mini gym (releases endorphins, better studying) 	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 4th 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"> • People love technology that they already know how to use • Laptops and chargers are available for students to check out • There are workstations for online study aid access <p>STEP 3 Moving Forward: <i>What do we need to know about...</i></p> <p>STUDY SPACE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What students don't like about the current space • What students like about or want with a study space • What tables/furniture to students like the most • What specific resources do different student groups use the library for? • How can we keep our stuff safe if we need to leave it for a few minutes to go to the washroom/get coffee? • What is the library's budget to expand study spaces • Do we want to the most modern/creative furnishing for UBC or is there a limit? • What image or theme are we trying to present with UBC? <p>STUDY AIDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What stuff is offered elsewhere? Not at all? • How much business will we lose for other companies if we have free food all the time? • We need to know if there is demand for "study aids" such as coffee • Library budget to increase study aids? 	
6. Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting will take place on April 7, 2014. 	FYI
Meeting Adjourned: 6:30pm		
Next Meeting: TBA		
Recorder: Julie Mitchell		