**UBC Library – Library Student Advisory Committee Minutes**

**October 21, 2013, 5:00 to 6:30 pm**

**240A, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre**

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| **Present:** Kristen Carter, Kai Ying Chieh, Teri Grant, Arooj Hayat, Nasrin Himani, Silvia Leung , Julie Mitchell, Hanna Murray, Ingrid Parent, Espen Stranger-Johannessen, James Watson, Michelle Weinstein |
| **Chairs:** Julie Mitchell, Teri Grant **Recorder:** Teri Grant  |
| **Agenda Item** | **Summary** | **Action** |
| 1. Introductions
 | * Brief introductions of faculty and year.
 |  FYI |
| 1. Welcome from Ingrid Parent
 | * Libraries are evolving, and this committee is an important source of information about how UBC Library is engaging in this evolution.
 | FYI |
| 1. Welcome Activity
 | * + - “Things in Common”
 | FYI |
| 1. Library Overview & LSAC Accomplishments
 | * Presentation by Julie Mitchell about the activities and scope of UBC Library over the last year. Included a quick summary of accomplishments made by the 2012-2013 Library Student Advisory Committee (including securing a Graduating Students Fund of $5000 for the IKBLC Multimedia Rooms).
 | FYI |
| 1. LSAC 2013/14 Vision Exercise
 | Open discussion in small groups to answer the questions:1. What do you **like** about UBC Library?
2. What do you **not like** about UBC Library?
3. What would you **change** or **add** to UBC Library?

Group 1* What do you like about UBC Library?
* Reference help
* Grad research room
* Computers
* Quiet study rooms/spaces
* Books collection
* Good online access to journal papers
* Tutoring services
* What do you not like about UBC Library?
* Database searches (often illogical search findings)
* Some libraries without cafes
* Limited library hours during weekends and the summer
* Lack of quiet study spaces (individual and grou0)
* Lack of storage spaces (lockers)
* Hard to book rooms (fill up very quickly)
* Lack of queue system for reserving books
* What would you change or add to UBC Library?
* Storage space for students
* More eating – study spaces (better separation)
* Greater access to collection development
* Less focus on socializing in library spaces
* Greater enforcement of “quiet” in quiet study spaces

Group 2* What do you like about UBC Library?
* Silent areas
* Bookable study places
* Website is easy to use
* Database access – the best – but ebrary direct?
* People are very helpful
* What do you not like about UBC Library?
* Lack of silence
* Search function is not “smart”
* Distribution of seating (one person taking up a whole table)
* Sleeping people…
* What would you change or add to UBC Library?
* Download .ris/.bib for publications
* More signage to indicate where quiet study spaces are
* More/greater range of software (specialization/privileges for people who need it?)
* No food in Koerner!

Group 3* What do you like about UBC Library?
* Electronic media access
* Amount of social/”noisy” places – variety in IKBLC (and the furniture)
* Book collection
* Service is great!
* What do you not like about UBC Library?
* Difficulty getting to stacks
* Not enough artwork/visual pleasantness
* Food?
* Websearch not great for library materials
* Printers break down too often ☹ - printing system machines are too picky
* Library hours ☹
* What would you change or add to UBC Library?
* Bring back cushiony orange chairs in IKBLC!
* More ‘private’ space in Koerner (extension of balance as in IKBLC)
* Maps showing study space (instead of/supplementing just call # maps)
* More rotating exhibits/display stuff (not just books – should include maps, art, etc.)
 | * Teri Grant and Julie Mitchell to review feedback and identify ‘theme’ areas for Library Student Advisory Committee to discuss and prioritize during the November meeting.
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| 6. Wrap Up and Photo | * Took group photo for the Library website.
 | FYI |
| **Meeting Adjourned**: 6:30pm |
| **Next Meeting:** TBA – Likely November 18 |
| **Recorder:** Teri Grant |