Library Student Advisory Council
2022-23

Meeting Notes for:
October 18, 2022
November 15, 2022
January 17, 2023
February 21, 2023
April 18, 2023
May 16, 2023
Attendees:

I. Welcome to LSAC and Introductions
   Dani Cook, Associate University Librarian Learning User Experience, welcomed new and returning Library Student Advisory Council members and thanked them for joining. Each library and student member introduced themselves.

II. Get to Know Each Other: Library Bingo Edition
   Members enjoyed getting to know each other by playing an interactive bingo game. Library-branded prizes were given to the winners.

III. Overview of Goals of LSAC
   Dani Cook laid out the goal of students working with library staff to provide students with the best possible library services, spaces, and collections.
   - LSAC minutes are posted online: https://lib.ucsd.edu/lsac
   - Members may email comments and questions to lsac@ucsd.edu at any time.

IV. Expectations/Responsibilities of LSAC members
   - Members are expected to actively participate in meetings in October, November, January, February, April, and May, and to forward the minutes to peers and constituents in a timely manner.
   - Newsletters will not be sent out to members, but a new library-wide newsletter, The Paper, will be posted in Library restrooms monthly.

V. I Like / I Wish / What If…
   Members reflected upon what they like about the Library, their wishes for the Library, and their big ideas for the Library and then posted these reflections on poster boards.
   I Like…
   - The opening of 2 floors overnight
   - 1st and 2nd floor overnight study
   - How quiet the floors are the higher you go up
   - That the printers are easily located and easily accessible
   - I like the whiteboards and whiteboard tables; I also like the fact that there are outlets everywhere
   - Audrey’s café
   - I like we can borrow chargers now and you can extend them online; more study room; A.C.
   - The floors system
   - I like how accessible and publicized the library and ITS resources are
   - The flexibility in different study spaces (quiet study, active study, updated spaces/resources)
   - The amount of resources, especially the DML and new search engine [UC Library Search] + interlibrary loan
   - The individual desks, so I’m not taking up a whole table and am less distracted by others
   - That the library looks nice on 4-7
   - The way seating is organized (more alone vs communal)
Overnight study
That there are private study rooms that we can ‘rent’ and reserve throughout the day when you need a quieter space to do group work other than the second floor
The noise level system for floors and the separation for food & drink policy for the floors
The temperature
WalkStations
The new second floor design
The display of special collections on the 2nd floor
That the library staff is very helpful
Extended 24 hour study space
The large windows
I love the renovation
The study room reservation system
I like that the 24 hours availability on the 2 floors
I like the space on 6th floor
24 hour study space
I like the lighting at the entrance of the library (and the colors) make it seem modern
I like the reflective look of the glass in the day and the glow of the light in the night

I wish...
More de-stress activities available in WongAvery Library
There were more resources/events for students interested in becoming librarians and working in a library in the future
That more of the charging ports worked
I wish there were more elevators/faster elevators
The library held/hosted a book club (in relation to the emphasis of social justice learning)
We could add more couches or soft sofa seats to the other floors of the library
Audrey’s had more food or took points and expanded hours
Café on the upper floors
Higher tech/automation
More events sponsored by the library: Halloween costume party/contest, Friendsgiving, cocoa + cram during finals week
Easier access to outlets in WongAvery- I often have to plan on where to sit depending on whether I need an outlet and sometimes have to move (the towers are helpful but scarce)
More de-stress activities (online and in the library [both libraries])
Coloring and jigsaw puzzles in both libraries
Therapy fluffies
Zoom study rooms
I wish we could hear the “I like… I wish.. what if…” from the library users
Bigger front desk- had a hard time finding printers
That there was a more secure way of making sure people who didn’t reserve a study room at Geisel aren’t taking/using a room that someone has reserved because its awkward when you have to kick them out
There were more places to put up flyers so students could promote events or resources for other students
Longer hours on Fridays!!! Maybe Saturday
There were more movable charging stations on the 2nd floor
There were book talks from local librarians every month or some kind of book club wish there was a library parking pass to allow off campus students to visit without worries of time limit
I wish the input seating screens showed more in-depth information about what specific seats/tables are open
• I wish there were more food options in the library
• Make sure the power outlets are tested and work properly
• More accommodation for students with dependents - they might be interested in lactation rooms/play rooms for their children
• More vegetation/plants
• Increase the width of bathroom stalls in more upstairs bathrooms + more bathroom stalls + more bathroom maintenance especially in upper levels of Geisel, as it gets very crowded when there are lot of people with lines, since it can be difficult to go downstairs (elevator crowded)
• I wish there were more standing decks/stations
• I wish there was a mobile app fully dedicated to Geisel Library that properly includes availability, reservations - I was thinking students can link their SSOs and for their courses it would suggest textbooks available
• A map on each floor (especially 1st and 2nd)
• There were spaces which provided essential supplies such as stationery, period products, etc.
• More big whiteboards
• Overnight nap pods
• Student-run book club - reading about social justice, relevant issues in today’s world
• Restrooms have good ventilation - they stink
• Audrey’s café on the Triton2Go mobile order app or any mobile order option
• Library closing announcements are clearer, like “we close at 6, but we will start closing at 5:45”
• 1st floor is not too cold, tunnel too hot and every other floor has consistent temperature
• Computers with installable software, maybe a server for library patrons to do custom computational work. Default software isn’t always enough
• There were more variety of seating options (especially on the floor, like bean bags and floor cushions).
• Sleeping/napping spaces
• More signs of life (plants)

What if....
• Automated retrieval system/ relocation of most books + movies (e.g. vault) enables more space (e.g. use for study)
• Renovations for floors 3-7 to make them the same design as new 2nd
• 8th floor study spaces have light indicators to show the pod is occupied
• There was a program/more opportunities to learn about librarianship
• What if we had an opinion box
• What if each floor of the library had wireless charging on the tables
• Maybe blinds in the WongAvery study rooms 223-229 (with one wall as a large window). The sun can be blinding in the evening
• Film/archives continuously played on projected (quietly) maybe in the lobby somewhere
• More puzzles or an “activity” area/room somewhere that students can relax
• The library had a garden
• Board games or video games as a de-stress activity, game nights (like trivia nights), games to rent out to use in Library spaces
• Projects for the outside of Geisel (like projections for Disney castle firework show
• There were soundproof rooms for people to practice instruments or more resources for music/musicians
• There was a library display on the 2nd floor, like a changing display of the history of printing, books, library systems, etc.
• We could have a planetarium on the highest floor
• What if Geisel had more secluded, individual rooms for studying - noise reduction walls - individual silent rooms with a nice chair, table and charging port
• Hosting tea party events in the outside area- or stargazing
• What if Geisel had beanbags
• What if we could rent out portable chargers
• What if Geisel had its own market (for library-branded items and such)
• More reservable collaboration rooms
• Zen garden
• Sleep pods
• Therapy cats
• What if there was a coffee bar/restaurant inside on 2nd floor
• What if there was a screen on the first floor that displayed the amount of people at each level
• What if there was a floor for silent/individual work only; other floors fill up quickly and the space that books and the shelves take up is more than half. This floor could have just individual desks (like 8th floor) but with no books. This would increase the amount of study space for students and the library wouldn’t fill out too quickly.

The next LSAC meeting will be November 15, 2022 at 5pm in the Seuss Room
I. Welcome to LSAC and Introductions
Dani Cook, Associate University Librarian for Learning and User Experience, welcomed all of the Library Student Advisory Council members and thanked them for joining during a busy time of the quarter.

II. I Like… / I Wish… / What If… Responses
Dani Cook shared responses from the Library to the previous meeting’s activity. The slideshow is attached.

Additional feedback was given regarding diaper changing tables in the restrooms, dining dollars and mobile ordering being an option to Audrey’s and study carrels being added to the upper floors. Members also shared that they are finding quiet study on the 8th floor to be full early in the day and that they would be interested in more designated silent spaces.

III. Rotation
a. Working at the UC San Diego Library
Members were given a presentation on student employment at the Library by Vinny Ursillo, Human Resources Generalist.

b. Preservation of Library Materials
Members were given a tour of the Library’s Preservation Lab by Jack Neves, Preservation Unit Manager.

The next LSAC meeting will be January 17, 2023 at 5pm.
Library News

- Join the Library’s annual Turkey Calling Show at noon on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 in the Seuss Room at Geisel Library. The event will feature live music, special guests, stories, prizes, and turkey-calling instruction!
- The Library's De-Stress with Pups event on October 26, 2022 was a huge success. If you missed it, or enjoyed it, mark your calendar for the next events on February 8 and May 3, 2023.
- Not sure how to get started using the Library? See the Find Books, Articles, Media, and More webpage to view a wealth of research guides, learn how to connect from off-campus, or get help with your research.
- Share your thoughts on Library service hours by completing a 2-minute survey through December 1. Take the survey at Lib.ucsd.edu/hours-survey for several chances to win an Amazon gift card.
- Share feedback about Library offerings through the Library’s 9th annual Geisel After Dark event. Nine surveys will be available November 1 through 30. Respondents will be eligible for one of several $25 Triton Cash gift cards or a grand prize $50 Amazon e-gift. See details at Lib.ucsd.edu/gad2022.
- New Chromebooks were deployed in Geisel recently, and Chromebooks are also now available at WongAvery Library. The new Acer Chromebook Spin CP713 still has a flip touchscreen, but now includes an HDMI port.
- See how busy the Library is before visiting by checking Lib.ucsd.edu/find-a-seat. You can also download the Waitz app from the App Store and Play Store.

The Paper's November Issue
I Like / I Wish / What If...

Responses to your wishes 😊
De-Stress in the Library

See virtual and in-person Library de-stress offerings: 
https://lib.ucsd.edu/de-stress
“Therapy Fluffies!”

De-Stress with Pups (@Midterms)

★ Wednesday, Week 5 each quarter
★ Location: Classroom 1
  Geisel Library 2nd/Main Floor
★ Time: 2:30 - 4:00pm
Watercoloring
Monday, December 5th from 4:00pm-5:30pm
Classroom 1 (Geisel Library Floor 2)

Origami and DIY Bookmarks
Tuesday, December 6th from 2:00pm-3:30pm
Classroom 1 (Geisel Library Floor 2)

Mindful Meditation with UCSD Recreation
Wednesday, December 7th from 11:00am-12:00pm
Geisel Meeting Room
(Geisel Library Floor 1 East)
“More de-stress activities at WongAvery Library”

★ Foam rollers (Floor 1)
★ Shared jigsaw puzzles (Floor 2)
★ Color & Share Board (Floor 2) - Coming Soon

★ What else would you like to see?
“Zoom Study Rooms”

Virtual Library Study Rooms on Youtube:
https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLau0yJhWoFb8NmVw91GiMZKLGWGEa04sF

25 Minute Timer with 5 Minute Break (Pomodoro Method)
“More places to post flyers so students can promote events or resources for other students”

Campus Posting Board locations:

★ Geisel Library Tunnel (1st Floor) - added in October 2022
★ Geisel East Commons (2nd Floor) (next to Audrey’s Cafe)
★ WongAvery Library (1st Floor)
“Board games or video games as a de-stress activity, game nights (like trivia nights), games to rent out to use in Library spaces”

Location: Geisel 1st Floor Southwest

For use in the Library only

Please return to that space when finished!
Keep Up with All Library Events

Subscribe to the Library’s monthly e-newsletter

https://lib.ucsd.edu/subscribe
Other Comments!

★ “More accommodation for students with dependents—they might be interested in lactation rooms/play rooms for their children”
  ○ Lactation Room located in the Service Hub (by the restroom); access managed by campus
  ○ The Library had a child-friendly group study room in the past but feedback & observation showed it was never used for that purpose or by the intended audience, even with outreach, including to the Graduate Student Association

★ “A map on each floor (especially 1st and 2nd)”
  ○ https://lib.ucsd.edu/librarymaps
  ○ Coming soon - Library maps on new digital screens near the elevators

★ “What if we had an opinion box?”
  ○ https://lib.ucsd.edu/suggestions

★ “What if we could rent out portable chargers?”
  ○ Visit the Geisel Service Hub! See all tech lending items and availability at https://lib.ucsd.edu/tech-lending

★ “What if there was a floor for silent/individual work only?”
  ○ Try the Silent Study Room on WongAvery Library’s 2nd Floor & the individual pods on Geisel 8th Floor
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Poster up in the Geisel tunnel :)

Please encourage folks to respond

QR code to the online version

https://go.ucsd.edu/3Uzk6kd
Thank you!

Don’t hesitate to share questions, comments, and suggestions for Library de-stress activities with my team at Learningspaces@ucsd.edu