Library Student Advisory Council

2023-24

Meeting Notes for:

October 17, 2023
November 14, 2023
January 16, 2024
February 20, 2024
April 16, 2024
May 21, 2024
Welcome and Introductions (Skittles Round 1)
Dani Cook, Associate University Librarian for Learning and User Experience, welcomed all of the Library Student Advisory Council members to the first LSAC meeting of the 2023-2024 year. Each student introduced themselves along with the Library representatives by answering questions associated with the appropriate color of skittle that they eat.

LSAC Role, Expectations, & Impact
Dani Cook laid out the goals and expectations of students working with Library staff to provide the campus’ diverse student community with the best possible library services, spaces, and collections.

- LSAC minutes are posted online and can be distributed across campus:
  https://lib.ucsd.edu/lsac
- Members may email comments and questions to lsac@ucsd.edu at any time.

Dani pointed out the impact that feedback from past LSAC members has had, including:
Expanded 24/5 footprint, addition of vending machines in both library buildings, increased wireless access points, use of Dining Dollars at Audrey’s cafe, increased options for charging devices, the new Calm Cave and Leisure Lounge, and furniture selection around the building.

Library News

- Have questions about how to get started using the Library? Check out all of the information on this page, from which you can also connect with library employees or seek research assistance. Want to explore the library virtually to find your new favorite study spot, view the Library’s virtual tour here.
- Learn how to connect from off campus here in order to view many library resources outside of the Library.
- Printing in the Library is the same as printing from elsewhere on campus, with Wēpa self-service printing available throughout the Library’s two facilities.
- Check out the new Calm Cave in Geisel Room 621. Offered as a mediation and reflection space for students, the room provides comfortable seating, a great view, a relaxing vibe, amenities like yoga mats and floor cushions, and a variety of meditation and mindfulness-related books.
- Try another new space, the Leisure Lounge in Geisel’s 1st Floor Southwest. This space offers board games, coloring, origami, and other tools for a brief distraction from studying. Enjoy it alone or with friends. Want the room to offer something more? Let us know through the QR code survey posted in the space.
• Intended to support effective work while in the Library, see the Tech Lending options available in the Library here.

• The Library’s De-Stress with Pups events occur every quarter in Geisel’s Classroom 1. Learn more here about these and other fun offerings or watch this page for dates. Another option for a quick de-stress break in the Library is to work on one of the three Shared Puzzle stations in Geisel or the one in WongAvery Library.

• The Library is again partnering with UCSD Recreation to offer all-levels yoga on Geisel’s forum [exterior] level during Weeks 1-10. Classes are free for students, but registration is required prior to each class. Please bring your own yoga mat and a light jacket.

Scavenger Hunt
Members traversed Geisel Library to find various locations of interest that will be helpful for them in their studies. When asked if any place was particularly interesting, responses included:

• Found the physical Course Reserve location, which was a bit hidden
• Calm Cave was the loudest space on the 6th floor when I visited it
• Couldn’t find the East Commons WalkStations in their prior location: Those 2 were recently decommissioned; looking to replace either one or both as soon as feasible; one still available in Geisel 1st Floor Southwest

Skittles Round 2
Members participated in another round of get-to-know-you activities where they answered a question based on the Skittle they ate.

Introduction of the Tunnel Project, Field Trip, and Activity
For this year, the main project for LSAC will be working with the Library on a redesign of Geisel’s Tunnel connecting its east and west sides on the 1st floor. The goal is to have the project completed and installed by the end of the academic year. Overall seating in the area must stay the same or increase (~40). Members may consider lighting, walls, and furniture. Construction, electrical work, and other infrastructure are out of scope.

Members traveled to the tunnel to look at the space, then completed a survey on different seating possibilities. Member comments included:

• Group seating vs. individual seating
• Current feel is more cozy, quiet study
  o More individual study, in the midst of small group study
• Lighting: Looking for ways to provide brightness; would appreciate individually-controlled lighting; white light vs yellow light
• Wallpaper/paint as a tool to brighten it up
• Carpet color does not currently help the brightness, but carpet helps absorb noise
The Geisel Tunnel project team met 10/18/2023 and agreed that, due to our project timeline, we will seek additional input from college councils and other communities after the November LSAC meeting. We will have more specific drawings for those groups to react to, and look forward to engaging a broader representation of students!

The next LSAC Meeting is November 14, 2023 at 5:00 PM in Geisel’s Suess Room
Library Student Advisory Committee (LSAC)

Meeting #1 - 10.17.2023
Agenda

- Welcome and introductions (Skittles Round 1)
- LSAC role + expectations
- Scavenger hunt
- Skittles Round 2
- Introduction of tunnel project, field trip, and activity
- Skittles Round 3
- I Like/I Wish/What If?
Introductions

- Name
- Pronouns
- College/Major
- Pick a Skittle!
The Role of LSAC

The Library Student Advisory Council (LSAC) is a group of UC San Diego students and Library staff working together to provide the campus’ diverse student community with the best possible library spaces, services, and collections.
LSAC Impact

- Expanded 24/5 footprint
- Vending machines in both libraries
- Increased wireless access points
- Dining Dollars at Audrey’s!
- Increased charger checkout options
- Outdoor furniture on Geisel’s Forum level
- More therapy dogs and de-stress events
- Calm Cave and Leisure Lounge
- Furniture selections

And this year…we will work together on the Tunnel!
LSAC Expectations

- Actively participate in meetings in October, November, January, February, April, and May (meetings will be held in person, but LSAC participation may also include some supplemental, virtual or asynchronous elements)
- Convey student needs, concerns, and priorities to the Library, including advice and feedback on library policies, services, and spaces
- Share ideas and input on design and implementation of library services
- Share insights into student study, research, and Library use habits
- Communicate information about Library services and resources to the student community
Scavenger Hunt
Skittles
Round 2
The Tunnel
Project Overview

- This year, LSAC will collaborate with Library staff to finalize redesign of Geisel’s first-floor tunnel
- This builds on work of previous LSAC groups
- Our goal is to have the project complete by the end of this academic year
- Budget: $200k
- Seating must stay the same or increase
- In scope: Lighting, carpet, walls, furniture
- Out of scope: Construction, electrical, infrastructure
Field Trip!
Student Lounge

How would you redesign this space?

- Study break space
  - The living room =)

- Cleaning station

- Plant
  - Clorox wipes for desks

- Couch

- Living room lamp
  - Or hang from the ceiling

- Posters on wall
  - Able to draw on wall

- Sleeping pods
  - Re-do the grey wall (plants on the wall?)

- Please no more succulents

- Plants

West / East
Student Lounge

How would you redesign this space?

- Noise cancelling "sleep/study pod"
- LED lights
- Hammock
- Koi pond
- Coffee cart
- Table
- Yoga ball
- Drink nature stuff all on the wall
- Fountain with LEDs
- Lots of plants (real/tropical)
- Pull up bar

West / East

Hardwood
More lighting!!!
Student Lounge

How would you redesign this space?

Needs individual lights for each room.

These are individual study rooms. Hopefully, there are sound-proof shields around them.

A couch would be great here.

Could be used for activities.

West / East

And here!
Student Lounge

- Lockers to keep things (plz a lot of these)
- Stretch areas + mats + floor tables + meditation spots
- Recreational reading spots
- Lots of plants (almost real)
- Computer screen where students can enter their fav books & other students can find & read (think: the monitors at the entrance that show the availability of seats)
- A white board

How would you redesign this space?

- Snake path themed because tunnel, it should feel like it's moving
- TV screens that light up the place (show a different country every day/week)

West / East
Student Lounge

Comfort Cave

- Leave it dark
- Create a sleeping/resting room
- Coffee stations

The library has plenty of seating/studying spaces. Instead, an area where students can sleep! Caffeine stations w/ amenities.

Fairy lights - make the space majestic.

Chairs??

Bean bag

Cushions

Open w/ overnight hours

Speakers! Playing soft, low-fi beats

Soft, lush room

TVs along the walls - a really relaxed fun area.

Reading area

Covid/quarantine kids require comfort. This would be like a nice room to unwind w/ a hot drink leaving the library.

West / East
hanging leaf garlands
string lights

hanging succulents

brain bug

outlets

many fees

tapstries to cover walls

sleeping pod idea
(inspired by capsule hotels)

outside inside

either

school themed patterns

or chalk wall or white board

(wet erase markers provided)

eraser less easy

chair idea

cushioned back

can slightly lean back

wheels
Furniture Options

LSAC Feedback Gathering
I Like/
I Wish/
What If
I like ....

I wish ....

What if?
Geisel Tunnel Refresh
Seating Options Survey Results, 19 Participants
ARCADIA BOOTH

1st (tie)

74% approval
ARCADIA SIDE-BY-SIDE

1st (tie)

74% approval
BRODY WORKLOUNGE

1st (tie)

74% approval
STEREO ALPHA EGG

1st (tie)

74% approval
IND. RAILWAY CARRIAGE

2nd

37% approval
ARCADIA ISO

3rd (tie)

32% approval
ARCADIA PICNIC

3rd (tie)

32% approval
SWAY

3rd (tie)

32% approval
ZOETRY

4th

11% approval
MYWAY, WITH DESK

5th

5% approval
MYWAY, WITHOUT DESK

6th (tie)

0% approval
SNUGGLESTOR

6th (tie)

0% approval