



## Library Student Advisory Council Meeting Notes October 18, 2022; Geisel Library- Seuss Room

### 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/lisac>
- Members may email comments and questions to [lisac@ucsd.edu](mailto:lisac@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
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- 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"
- 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 8<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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**