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## Minutes for the Library Student Advisory Committee

February 26, 2014

Present: Maggie, Kacee, Cecelia, Emily, Lauren, Lexi, Karissa, Grace, Taylor, Mikaela, Luke, Rebecca, Maryke.

**We Need You! (for the Undergraduate Research Award selection committee)** Two students are needed to join the selection committee for the research awards. The commitment involves reading the submissions and attending one meeting; committee members cannot submit entries for the award. Benefits include getting to see your peers' best work, and working with a committed group of faculty and librarians to reward excellence! Rebecca will send out a call for volunteers next week.

**@HollinsULibrary** is the library's new Instagram account. Please follow us; per your suggestion we will attach it to our Facebook account. Suggestions for what we should Instagram include: new titles, event flyers and pictures, the white board announcements, cozy spots to read, pictures of giveaway prizes, and James Miller's new baby (see *Staff Changes*).

**Poemathon!** This new opportunity allows undergraduate students to meet and hang out with Will Schutt and Luke Johnson, two authors (also alums) who are coming here for a reading in the Beanstalk Series which is sponsored jointly by English and the Library. Come and create poetry, chat, and meet the poets. Grace offered to announce the event at Senate, Lauren and Lexi volunteered to help table-sit and give away free books, and as present company are *not* artistic Rebecca will find someone who can do sidewalk chalk.

**Bookmobile.** Hazel Foster (MFA committee member) joined us for the bookmobile last week, and a great time was had by all. If *you* would like to join the bookmobile one Wednesday....come on down!

**Don't Leave Us!** OK, if you *must* graduate, at least tell us who you are so we can thank you for your participation on this committee.....Cecelia, Lexi, Karissa, Emily, Grace, Andie, who else?

### Staff Changes

- James Miller and his wife Andrea have a new son, Graham. All are well, and Graham is particularly cute.
- We currently do not have a full-time inter-library loan coordinator. Cataloging Coordinator Lilla Thompson handles requests three days per week, and Maryke is doing the administration. This puts a strain on both staff and other services so we hope the administration will allow the library to fill this position. However, it is not certain that they will.
- Reference Assistant change: Emily Wood has moved out of the area, and we welcome Casey Brozovsky ('09), who is currently studying for her MLIS degree. Yay, more librarians...

**January Programs** Write-ins, held weekly, were a success! Thank you to those who suggested having them. Several students suggested continuing this in the Spring, on Sunday afternoons; we will look into the possibility. Thanks also to those who helped James and Maryke test the plagiarism tutorial; we have a few small fixes to make and then it will be done.

**Charge!** You asked for laptop chargers, and we are happy to report that we have two adapter/cord sets for PC (with various brand-compatible plugs) and two for MacBooks now available for checkout at the Circulation Desk; also two rapid chargers that work for various phones and tablets. The rapid chargers are on 3-hour reserve, and the laptop cords will check out for 24 hours.

**Alumnae will now have access to databases.** This is a first for Hollins: in partnership with Alumni Services the Library will be providing access to JSTOR and Project Muse to alums. Luke will investigate whether we can have an easy sign-up process for people graduating this year; the suggestion was also made to let Admissions know, as a selling point for prospective students.

**Spring Festival.** Rebecca asked for date preference, April 11 or 25? 25 received the most votes. The festival will also be a celebration of the library's birthday, as we will be 15 this Spring! There will be a drawing with prizes. Suggestions for businesses to ask for prizes included: Barnes & Noble, Amazon, ChocolatePaper, Pop's, Cups, Too Many Books, Mill Mountain Coffee, Alejandro's, Panera, Dominos, Starbucks, Breadcraft, Veranda Bistro, Lew's, Hollywood's, Benny Marconi's, with some preference expressed to highlight local businesses. We discussed possible hashtags that can be used on Instagram (#HULibraryBDay?) ; people will also use the hashtag to enter the drawing, suggested topic: picture of your favorite book. There will also be a day of cake (and there was much rejoicing). STAY TUNED: in March, we will plan activities for the festival.

**Newsletter by email.** Maggie reminded us that the newsletter was once sent out electronically to the committee. We will do this and post on my.hollins .

**Senate Announcements.** You suggested that someone might make announcements at Senate of new services/events etc. from the library. Both Lauren and Grace offered to help, and Maryke suggested taking items from these minutes.

**Hollins Digital Commons.** Luke Vilelle announced the HDC, which is a digital repository for Hollins scholarship and creative work. It will be live and linked from the library website soon. Examples of its content include faculty journal articles and papers from the Undergraduate Research Awards; we are also planning for collections of MALS graduate theses, abstracts from the student conference, theatre playbills and photographs, and science posters. He asked what else should be in there (we are especially interested in student work): replies included the Spinsters, campus directories, pictures and recordings of events, student work in foreign languages. For student work, it was suggested that a system be set up via which faculty can recommend excellent student work to be included in the HDC (and let students know they can ask faculty to recommend them.) Additional discussion included student desire to see faculty work, to see other students' work from previous classes, and the great benefit of getting to these items electronically.

**COFFEE.** Mikaela pointed out (and many echoed) the sad state of our virtually coffee-less library. Luke announced that thanks to a generous donor, there will be a full service coffee shop in the library this Fall, with evening hours (3-10 ish). This will be a one year trial. Coffee will be brewed by Starbucks. Please send your suggestions for food items to Luke; hot chocolate was also requested.

**READING ROOM RENOVATIONS.** Some items will be coming this Spring: 12 arm chairs with tablet tables, ottomans, a centerpiece couch. The plug-in workstation tables have been postponed and will have to come out of a future budget.