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LSAB Minutes November 2013

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Minutes for the Library Student Advisory Committee

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Present: Maggie, Kacee, Jamee, Cecelia, Emily, Rebecca, Maryke.

Announcements:

- The NaNoWriMo mid-month write-in was a success, those who attended (at least twelve students) seemed to enjoy it and told us they were pleased with the event. Thanks for the suggestion!! This one’s a keeper 😊

- Film due dates have been extended for all undergraduate students, from 3 to 7 days. RC also. Enjoy!

- Full funding is available for the re-do of the Lewis Room, however, it may take a little longer than initially projected. We have been told to expect changes either late spring or early summer.

Art Journal Salon – please help us spread the word for this fabulous event!

- On December 6, from 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. the library will be showcasing art journals in an event for art students, faculty, art lovers….come and find out what amazing journals you have FREE access to. Faculty have been invited to give brief endorsements for their favorite journals. Free pizza & refreshments will be served!

- Emily volunteered to announce the salon in her printmaking class.

Zines – help wanted.

- We are moving forward with a plan to get a small pilot zine collection for people to browse in the library. We have a list of general topic/area suggestions, but if anyone would like to help identify specific titles (and locating purchasing information), please let Maryke or Rebecca know.

- Cecelia suggested sending out a call for help with the zines during j-term. If you’re having a difficult time seeing past the frenzy of finals, you will have chance to volunteer then.

Mobile phone use and the library web site – feedback wanted.

- We are investigating the possibility of creating a small mobile site for the library, which would make it easier to access basic functions. We asked people about their use of the library website on their phones so far, and the consensus was this: not so much for extensive research, people use their phone when they’re away from a computer for quick tasks. They’re also used when you receive a system email to renew your book.

- We asked which functions you would like to see. We’ll continue to work on this so if you have further thoughts for us, we’ll take them!

- Functions you’d like to see: Catalog search box, hours, renew, e-books.

- It would be preferable to have the site ask if you would like the mobile version before it send you there.

Architect visit

- An architect, recommended to us by Wyndham Robertson, will be visiting the library on Monday, December 2. If anyone has 30 minutes in the afternoon to talk about how you and other students use the library, please let Rebecca know.
J-Term programming

- After discussing the success of NaNoWrimo, it was suggested that we do something similar during J-Term. Cecilia mentioned that a lot of thesis writers are on campus, and Emily mentioned that she has taken a J-Term course in the past the required extensive writing.

- Based on this discussion, we will be holding informal, weekly write-ins in the Hollins Room that are open anyone on campus. This is tentatively set for Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

- We will have light refreshments for those who come (e.g. coffee, tea, cookies).

Snack for Finals

- Suggestions include: hot tea, pretzels, fudge pop-tarts, and cheese-its. If you have more suggestions, please email Rebecca or Maryke.

User-testing for plagiarism tutorial

- The library is developing an online tutorial to help students understand plagiarism. Our hope is that this will help cut down on the amount of unintentional plagiarism on campus. The tutorial will be a combination of video and questions.

- We are still developing the tutorial, but since it is new territory for the library we are looking for a few volunteers to test it out and give us feedback. Maggie and Cecilia volunteered. If you would like to be a part of this, please email Rebecca or Maryke. We will send out another call for volunteers once the tutorial is ready.