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### LSAB Minutes February 2013

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From: Maryke H. Barber  
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2013 4:25 PM  
Subject: Library Student Advisory Committee: minutes from Feb. 20 and meeting dates for March/April

Greetings library advisors!

Below are the minutes from yesterday's meeting. If you have any additional thoughts about the items we discussed, feel free to let Luke or me know at any time, or bring them to our next meeting.

Re meeting dates: most of you asked for a Tuesday or Wednesday for preferred evening, so we have scheduled our remaining meetings as follows:

\* Wednesday, March 27

\* Tuesday, April 23

Pencil us in on your calendars and we'll look forward to seeing you in March.

Have a great weekend everyone – best wishes,

Luke & Maryke

#### MINUTES FROM THE STUDENT ADVISORY MEETING, 2/20/13

- James Miller: Meet James, our new Information Technology and Liaison Librarian to the natural sciences, mathematics and psychology departments. James comes to us from Georgia; his family will be joining him in Roanoke soon.
- Joesephine Clarke has accepted a job as branch manager for the Westlake Branch of the Franklin County Public Library. We will be hiring someone to fill this position soon. It is a paraprofessional position (i.e. no MFA required).
- Undergraduate Research Awards: two \$250 awards, one for first years/sophomores and one for juniors/seniors. All types of projects are accepted as long as they were completed in the last three semesters, and you are currently enrolled. Applications require a brief explanatory essay, and a faculty recommendation. The library gets fewer than 20 applications each year, so your chances are good and you should consider applying! Deadline: February 28, 2013. For more information see <http://libguides.hollins.edu/award>
- From Emily Wood and Abby Hargreaves: students are starting a book club on feminist classics. The club would meet monthly, and the first book is *The Feminine Mystique*. Contact Emily or Abby if you are interested: [ewood@hollins.edu](mailto:ewood@hollins.edu), [hargreavesar@hollins.edu](mailto:hargreavesar@hollins.edu).
- Music Library: if you have never been to the Music Library, please visit! Open hours and new titles are posted on the website: <http://www.hollins.edu/library/music.shtml>. The library has sheet music, books about music, CDs and a magical listening station that will play music just for you, while leaving others in the room undisturbed. Come and visit this musical place in the Presser Building!
- Spring Festival: there will be no spring festival this year. Until the library is fully staffed, we have to focus on making sure our core services are intact. We will miss the fun, too, so please keep an eye out for mini golf and other libraryish entertainment next academic year!
- New Databases Webpage: please try out the new subject-specific Articles & Databases Page on the website: <http://www.hollins.edu/library/databases.shtml>. If you have comments or suggestions for improvement, let us know!
- New University Librarian: Luke Vilelle presented some items he shared during his interview in January. These are four areas into which our library might find growth and engagement opportunities in the future:
  1. Open Access: the OA movement presents new models of academic publishing. OA journals are free, making scholarship available to everyone worldwide, instead of just those faculty and students whose institutions can afford expensive scholarly books and

journals. Libraries are advocating and promoting these efforts.

2. Celebrating academic achievement on our campus: The library celebrates students' achievements with the research awards, and faculty achievements with an annual display and presentation. One possibility for additional involvement would be to build an institutional repository, a database in which students and faculty work could be made available not just at Hollins, but to all.

3. Creating a culture of learning: the librarians work hard to deliver quality instruction. What else can be done to champion/maintain/improve the culture of learning at Hollins? Suggestions made include hosting topical discussions on events of current interest ; create opportunities for students to show off their work such as a coffeehouse/open mic for writers ; invite speakers who are speaking to a class, to also speak in the library.

4. Create communities that students want to join. Around campus, people are looking to create opportunities for students to connect outside of class. One way the library might get involved, is to repurpose the Lewis Reading Room from a journals reading room, to a more flexible space that can be used for events.

Suggestions made include a space for discussions ; a more laid back reading space with pillows, a tent, string lights etc.

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