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LSAB Minutes March 2013

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Student Advisory Committee: March 27, 2013

Present: Lauren M., Lauren E., Brittany, Kelsey, Maggie, Johnna, Naomi, Luke, Maryke

What you see the reading room becoming:

- a more academic version of Moody's lounge area. There was general agreement that Moody provides a variety of different seating arrangements (round tall tables, couches, and chairs with built-in desks – those chairs were particularly liked). What was not liked about the space was its darkness and the fact it tends to be noisier than the library.
- There was also discussion that the space could be like another living room space in the library. These are the most frequently used spaces in the building. It could be like a loft space that's more accessible.
- Also viewed as a more casual Hollins Room, or more casual GDR. For small readings, seniors working on theses, current events discussions. Hillary Dubose discussion, which took place in Hollins Room, would have been a much better fit in a more casual space.

Purposes for such a space in the library:

- A place to curl up and read; a place to be in your own world
- A place to have informal meetings (such as group academic projects)
 - Note that committee did not see a conflict between having both meeting space and places to curl up and read (advisors seemed to think both could co-exist, on assumption group meetings would be academic in nature and relatively subdued)
- A place to have small events (particularly ones where an intimate environment would be better, where discussions are seen as an integral part of the event)

What could be in this space:

- Different-sized tables (including perhaps coffee tables, work tables, small tables for a drink)
- Plants
- Big comfy armchairs – it's important to be able to sit a variety of ways in a chair (and armrests are very important)
- Ottomans – could be flexible furniture, used both for putting feet on and for sitting
- String lighting
- Lamps
- Any library materials? Maybe a small shelf of bestsellers, new books, trashy magazines, or maybe some big folio books on the coffee tables?
 - Others see it as an area where you'd put art, not books.
- Window seating would be nice
- Pillows
- Tents (the idea of getting into your own little world)

Technology?

- General distaste for many computers in the space; though there was interest in charging stations to make it more convenient for portable machines