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LSAB Minutes December 2021

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Library Student Advisory Board Meeting Dec. 1, 2021

Present: Charlotte Rose, Rahma Zarrouki, Mary Zaengle, Sophia Kunkel, Mya Johnson, Jasmine Carmichael, Brigitte Bonsu, Nabila Meghjani, Elizabeth Lauderdale, Zahin Mahbuba, Sofia Olivares, Fabiola Cepeda, Hannah Slusser, Maryke Barber, James Miller.

I. Introduction of guests

James Miller, Discovery Librarian, introduced the panel discussion he has planned for Leading EDJ Day. He is looking for student panelists to talk about our experiences with the high cost of text books. It is known that high text book costs can be a barrier for students, leading some students to try to share access, take courses without a text book, or even drop out of courses when they cannot afford the required books.

James's panel, **Open Educational Resources, a tool for equity & access**, will help faculty and administrators become more familiar with this issue. Students who would like to be participants in the panel should contact James by emailing millerjc@hollins.edu before **December 17th**.

II. Picture Yourself Activity

Students roamed the library to photograph its spaces and find answers to such questions as "What is your favorite space in the library to hang out and relax," or "Take a picture of something in the library that doesn't make sense. Describe it."

The ensuing discussion led to fascinating insights, for example, for every student who loves the loft with its circular staircases there is also a student who thinks the space is creepy....One person's favorite study room was described by another as "bleak!" We all learned a lot, and the notes everyone took will be shared with the whole library staff. Many thanks to those who participated in this activity for helping us see the library through your eyes 😊

III. Updates from Nov. 3 meeting

- Search for Archivist/Special Collections Librarian: We will hopefully have candidates on campus during the Spring semester.
- Write-Ins: Last night's FYS and sophomore write-in was a big success, with more than 40 students attending between 7 and midnight. Ten large pizzas disappeared in 30 minutes, and both the librarian and the writing tutor were able to help multiple students with their work. Tonight is the all-student write-in, please stop by and have a donut!
- Exams:
 - Extended hours (until 2 a.m.) start Sunday night, Dec. 5
 - Reading day we are open for **24 hours**

- Snacks, button-maker, stressbusters etc. will be in the Coffee Commons starting 7 pm on Reading Day and on subsequent evenings.

VI. Next meeting

LSAB will take a break in January. We'll see you in the Spring semester!