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Library Student Advisory Board (LSAB) Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 Time: 4:45 pm

Opening

The regular meeting of LSAB was called to order by Maryke Barber at 4:45 pm on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 in the Wyndham Robertson Library's Hollins Room.

Present

In attendance were:

1. Sofia Craig
2. Jamiyah Staton
3. Hannah Slusser
4. Chanlee Luu
5. Chloe Lee
6. Kerrie Noble
7. Luke Vilelle
8. Maryke Barber
9. Shawna Battle

Agenda item 1 – Guest: Luke Vilelle – University Librarian, Hollins University's Wyndham Robertson Library – Building updates and Israel/Palestine exhibit

Luke discussed new spaces and furnishings in the library. The ground floor podcast studio now has equipment, and it will be fully operational by next school year. Bar height tables on the ground floor now have outlets. These same tables with outlets were put on the second floor. Approximately twelve windows in the Reading Room were replaced. The coffee commons received new floors and new counters. Shelves for new books will arrive in May and will be placed where the first-floor exhibit space is now. The exhibit space will be moved in front of James's office. The closet outside of the Jackson Screening Room will be made into a viewing room. The archives processing room has had a lot of work done on it.

The use of space tally conducted by circ students revealed that the three new study rooms on the second floor are the most popular places in the library. Also, the second-floor balcony usage and the CLE usage have decreased. Luke asked LSAB members why and LSAB responded that when they see people in the CLE, they don't know if they can use it. Also, the balcony and CLE offer less privacy than they would like.

Whiteboards and lamps will be put in the study rooms. LSAB said they prefer soft white bulbs in lamps. Bathrooms will get occupancy indicators on some floors; there will be digital screen signage by the first-floor entry.

Luke said that the Israel/Palestine exhibit goes up next week. He distributed a flier Maryke made about the exhibit. He said he had shared information about the exhibit with the Jewish Student Association and some of the Muslim students.

Agenda item 2 – Discussion – Hannah Slusser talked about her independent study research

Hannah, a student in the GLAM certificate program, is conducting an independent study research project. Her research question is “How do you use the library/what do you do while you’re in the library?” She has conducted surveys and she requested volunteers for her interviews. On April 12th in the CLE. she’ll have students write letters to the library (i.e. break up with the library, make positive comments). She is working with James on this. Luke said that on April 11th, there will be a celebration for the GLAM certificate and Hannah will be recognized as the program’s first graduate.

Agenda item 3 – Discussion: Events in April

The Undergraduate Research Awards will be held on Wednesday, April 17th from 5 pm – 6 pm in the Hollins Room and the winners will be announced.

Later that day, there will be a write-in.

The library is hiring an SPC (Student Peer Coordinator) and the application deadline is Monday, April 8th at 5 pm. Hannah talked about her responsibilities as an SPC and LSAB was told to contact Rebecca Seipp for more information about the position.

On Tuesday, April 9th at 7 pm, LSAB will host a game and puzzle night with snacks.

On Friday, April 26th, Roaring Ink and the Young Writer’s Initiative will host and open mic poetry night.

There might be a documentary showing in April or in the fall. Maryke is waiting to hear back about this.

Agenda item 4 – Discussion – Student involvement in personal librarian program

This program is conducted in the fall. It was created because librarians wanted to help specific student groups (HU Connect, Horizon, Transfer, and international students). Maryke asked LSAB how students can be involved in this process? LSAB responded that students can show them how to use the library website, explain library policies, and give library tours. Give recipients the option of receiving help from a librarian or a student or both. Several LSAB members present expressed interest in participating in this program.

Agenda item 5 – Other business – questions and comments

Maryke introduced Chanlee Luu, a graduate of Hollins M.F.A. program in creative writing. Chanlee said is giving poetry recommendations on the library’s Instagram and asked LSAB for poetry recommendations. Maryke will send an email to all LSAB with this information.

The book trivia game will be played at the next meeting because five minutes remained for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Shawna Battle
cc: Maryke Barber, Rebecca Seipp