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LSAB Minutes September 2024

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Library Student Advisory Board (LSAB) Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 Time: 4:45 pm

Opening

The regular meeting of LSAB was called to order by Maryke Barber at 4:45 pm on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 in the Wyndham Robertson Library's Hollins Room.

Present

In attendance were:

1. Sofia Craig
2. Mary Zaengle
3. Sophia Kunkel
4. Em Smith
5. Riya Warren
6. Lainey Barbour
7. Jessy Herrera
8. Fiona Palm
9. Jenna Kleiber
10. Maura Colson
11. Paige Caddy
12. Isabell Magouirk
13. Ismarika Sunwar
14. Malayna Torres
15. Lacey Somazze
16. Ally Harris
17. Logan Lynxwiler
18. Maryke Barber

Agenda item 1 – New things added to the library over the summer

- New books shelf –books new to the collection have their own shelf again!
- Study Room whiteboards and lamps –thanks for everyone's feedback, these have been added.
- Podcasting studio – this space is new on the ground floor. See library.hollins.edu/podcast for a list of equipment and instructions. The studio can also be reserved online; you'll get the key at the library's Checkout desk. The Media Services department can answer any questions. Happy podcasting!
- Bulletin boards – new bulletin boards have been added to the "E" ground floor entrance, as well as the second and third floors (chapel side).
- Film viewing station – to watch films on DVD or Blu-Ray, use the new space next to Jackson Screening Room on the ground floor. You can also borrow small individual players at the Checkout desk: library.hollins.edu/technology .
- Fidget/Stim toys – Maryke will be putting these in the Reading room (1st floor) and the balcony (2nd floor). Please send feedback, we are trying something new!
- Drink machine – the long drought is over....we once again have a drink vending machine in the Coffee Commons.
- Libby – you can use the Libby app to access popular audiobooks and e-books, courtesy of WRL! If you have a book club and want to check whether your book may be available in Libby, contact librarian [Sara Sprague](#).

Agenda item 2 – Exhibits

Maryke listed the fall exhibits. All are student-created and include *Lesbian voices* (internship project) and *Emergent Hispanic/LatinX authors* (current, collab with the committee for Hispanic Heritage month). Coming later this fall, two more intern exhibits: *cannibalism* (Halloween!) and *English/Creative*

writing faculty publications. If you, or your club, would like to collaborate on an exhibit for Spring 2025, contact Maryke (mbarber@hollins.edu)

Agenda Item 3 – Student requests & concerns

Ally Harris asked whether the signs to keep noise down in study rooms are helping. Maryke has not heard new complaints, but will also check with the Checkout Desk.

Jessy H. asked whether the library can work with the free store to better manage textbooks. The issues: books are not identified as textbooks; students don't have access to the free store until the semester is already underway. Maryke will bring this concern to the library staff, and will reach out to the free store coordinator.

There was a discussion about a system which would show when study rooms are in use. At times when students are busy (primarily mid-terms and exams) it is inconvenient to have to survey an entire floor, or multiple floors, to find an unoccupied study room. The discussion included physical systems such as room occupancy monitors, as well as an online system. Maryke will bring this concern to the library staff.

Agenda Item 4 –Election information

Maryke is a member of the Hollins Voting Coalition, which offers information about voting registration and related matters. The PowerPoint will be shared with the minutes. Logan Lynxwiler is also a member; if you have questions about how to register, how to get a mail-in ballot, or how to vote in Roanoke County....ask Logan or Maryke. The Student Life office is distributing stamps for mail-in ballots; Virginia's mail-in ballots come pre-stamped. Please vote on November 5!!

Agenda Item 5 – Upcoming library events and programs

Maryke shared that events already scheduled can be found at library.hollins.edu/events. Bookmobiles are scheduled for October 2 and 29. In November, save the date for a reading, a lunch, and world building writing workshop: Nov. 7-8 we are hosting YA fantasy author Tara Sim – a Hollins alum!

Write-ins – Maryke asked when these should happen: the week before Fall Break, and the week after Thanksgiving. Possibly one should be for first-year students only; we should notify the SSLs so they can let the students know. Food is always popular; donuts are a particular favorite.

Game Night – LSAB would like to sponsor another game night! Maryke will send out a call for help to organize this. Suggestions for games are welcome: we have a decent supply but can add something new.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Maryke Barber
cc: Shawna Battle, Luke Vilelle