

Library Student Advisory Board

Minutes, 10/25/16

Present: Aubrey Hobby, Valen Bidleman, Tena Gilleard, Summer Eary, Em Louis, Marion, Eden Anderson, Penny Stricklin, Rebecca Seipp, Maryke Barber.

I. Answers from last meeting's questions/requests:

We're trying new venetian blinds in group study room 108, and the second-floor study room above it. If they do well, we will convert all of the study rooms. First we need to test these for a while and see whether they are truly durable over repeated use, because they are more expensive than the roller blinds.

Re the study room white boards, thanks for pointing out these need to be cleaned. Our custodians will clean them once/week.

Re the website: James put a link for CLE appointments under Quick Links.

II. Review and discuss comments from the library survey

The comments that students, faculty and staff made on the library survey have been posted on the library website, along with answers from the library staff: bit.ly/2eHVkw6. We encourage you to review these, ask questions, voice concerns etc. We have already made some changes based on suggestions and requests from the survey, for example, we are working on adding more YA titles to our bestseller collection for leisure reading. Others (absolute silence, the 24-hour library) we may not be able to achieve at this time, but we always want to hear from you!

Discussed in the meeting:

- Suggestion to put the results on Facebook (will do, they are already being Tweeted)
- Carrel requests are going up. To ensure everyone has an equal shot at a carrel no matter what their year or status, the decision has been made not to exercise any preference in the reservation process: it will remain first-come, first-served and we will post the reservation form two months before the first day on classes (see our Home Page and click on Services: <http://presslib.hollins.edu/services/>).

We may be able to add a few carrels for reservation on the ground floor but beyond that, if we make more carrels reservable we will lack working spaces for people who just come in

occasionally. There was a discussion that there should be more study space available around campus, not just in the library; also a suggestion for blinds or shades for the third floor carrels.

III. New Stuff

More new things!

LAP DESKS: You asked for them, you've got them. They are in first-floor reading room; like the blankets, they are in-library use only.

FLIPSTER: We are trying out a new digital reader for popular magazines with five titles: *Atlantic*, *Backpacker*, *Bitch*, *New Yorker*, and *Rolling Stone*. These are titles which we subscribe to in print, however, several usage studies have proved that no one is reading the print versions in our library. Our question to you: would you use this? To try Flipster, click here: <http://tinyurl.com/z4fo4I5>

Response was overall positive, with some suggesting that they prefer to read magazines in print, just not at the library. The format is attractive and user-friendly, it's environmentally friendly, it looks great on a phone!

Suggested titles (*pending how much we are able to spend on this*): National Geographic, Smithsonian, Archaeology, Sports Illustrated, Young Rider, Entertainment, The Week, and cooking mags.

IV. Write-ins!

Last year the library hosted write-in for first-years to complete their projects, and for NaNoWriMo participants to work on their novels. Write-ins are drop-in events hosted in the Hollins Room, snacks are provided. FY write-ins include a librarian to help with research and a writing tutor for assistance. Thank you for helping us determine good times to hold these events!

V. Got questions or suggestions?

Email [Rebecca](#) or [Maryke](#), or bring them up whenever you attend a meeting.