

SLAC Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2014

Time: 12:15p – 1:15p

Location: Gambrell Room 5A

Attendance: (Richelle has the sign in sheet)

Welcome – Richelle Reid began the meeting with a welcome and check-in with students.

Reports/Old Business

Recommendations from Previous Meetings - Richelle reported on developments from SLAC suggestions from previous meetings:

- *Book stands* – At the suggestion of SLAC members, the library has purchased 12 metal bookstands for students to check out. The stands are available at the service desk at the library and can be checked out for 2 hours at a time.
- *Study Aids* – In response to requests for more copies of popular study aids, Richelle reported that she and Dana Ezell had reviewed circulation data for the study aids. Based on that data, additional copies of the more popular study aids will be purchased. Richelle also reported that the library is currently ensuring that all of the study aids are up-to-date with the most recent editions available on permanent reserves. Out of the discussion of study aids, students asked about audio study aids and study aids in different formats. In response, Felicity Walsh reminded students that CALI, Barbri, and some publishers do offer audio study aids (Crunch Time Audio). Ben Chapman suggested checking out Aaron DeWald's YouTube videos on contracts. Students also had the following suggestions about help with study aids:
 - put a list of these sorts of resources (CALI, Barbri, Videos) on the library Study Aid webpage
 - student panels to offer advice on helpful study aids – scheduled right before big due dates or during the times that LWRAP classes don't meet after briefs are turned in

New Business

Library Instructional Classes: Advanced Legal Research – Thomas Sneed reported on plans for expanding the Advanced Legal Research class offerings, up from two classes per semester to three classes. In addition to what is already being offered, the library is planning two new classes, Health Law Research & Business/Tax Law Research. The classes will be seven weeks long and the schedule will also be staggered to allow students to take all three classes in one semester if they choose.

Library Comments/Suggestion Box – Thomas Sneed reported that the library suggestion box is checked on a regular basis and that answers to some of the more frequently asked questions will be posted in an upcoming edition of Quick Notes.

Tables in the Student Commons Area (formerly known as the Bus Stop) - Students have complained about the tables in the student commons area being wobbly and unstable. Amish Mody has submitted a work order to have those examined and tightened up.

Stress Busters Program Assessment - Richelle Reid asked the students for their opinions and ideas on ways to get feedback from students for assessing the Stress Busters Program's activities. After throwing out several ideas, students reported that a brief survey on a tablet right after the activity would be the best way to get honest, consistent feedback. They also suggested being transparent with the students that their feedback will help the program continue and hopefully result in more funding in the future.

New Study Rooms – Felicity Walsh reported that two new study rooms are now available in the library, M310 and M410.

Student Comments/Questions

- One student mentioned that it is sometimes difficult to find instructions on how to do things, like connect wirelessly to the printers. Group was informed that instructions are on the intranet, but students said it's not always easy to find things. They expect things that happen in the library to be on the library website. Discussion of how digital infrastructure does not match physical infrastructure at the law school. Ben Chapman and Felicity Walsh mentioned this may improve with new intranet format.
- Students asked if it would be possible to get a plaque or a sign by the new hydration stations so that the community knows that SLAC and the library/operations were responsible for the installation.
- Everyone really likes the new library furniture. Several students asked about outlets in the floor to charge computers. That would be very costly, but the library will look into other outlets.
- Felicity Walsh brought up the possibility of inviting MARCOM to a SLAC meeting to talk about ways to improve communication.

Next meeting date – Wednesday, March 19th, 12:15pm – 1:15pm