

SLAC Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2013

Time: 12:15 – 1:30

Location: 4th Floor Prow MacMillan Law Library

Attendance: (Richelle has the sign in sheet)

Old Business & Reports:

After opening and welcome remarks by Richelle Reid, reports to follow up on old business were delivered. Since Ben Chapman was not available, Richelle Reid delivered the **IT report**.

- **Community** is now up and working. Students confirmed that this was the case.
- The standing stations that were suggested by SLAC in the past are now here and being used by students. Related to IT, there will soon be Macs at each of the work stations.

Amish Mody delivered the operations report.

- **Water dispensers:** Amish reported that he has been in contact with plumbing to set up a pilot program for a water dispenser from which students can fill their water bottles. The new dispenser will be located in the vending area on the 1st floor of Gambrell and would offer hot and cold water. Students asked about built in dispensers, but as Amish pointed out, that would be a much longer-range project as the law building has asbestos in the walls.
- **Microwaves:** Amish reported that all the microwaves are working. However, students reported that the ones closest to the change machines will run but they do not heat anything. Amish will check to see if two new replacements can be purchased and installed by the next meeting.
- **Healthy Vending:** Amish reported on the options for healthier snacks at Emory Law.
 - He has contacted the healthy snacks vendor for Emory. He reported that the law school can get a healthy vending machine, but it must do \$200 in sales each week or the company will remove it. There is a 6-8 week lead-up for this option.
 - We can put healthier snacks in the current vending machine.
 - We can ask Et al. to provide healthier options since this is the cheapest option.
 - Vivek, vending manager, told Amish that healthier alternatives had been introduced in the past, but they simply did not sell. He will make a decision on what will work best.
- **Refrigerators:** Amish reported that refrigerators are cleaned once per month with students' getting a two-weeks' notice that things will be thrown away if left in the refrigerator. At that time, baking soda are also placed in them for odors. Students asked if they could be cleaned more frequently. Because of the two-weeks' notice, it is difficult to do it more frequently.

Student questions/comments/request

- Is there any way for the students to get access to ice? Amish is looking into it.

- Students comment on the cleanliness of the library. One student had complaints about a stain on a table and popcorn on the floor. Others said that most of the tables look like they are never wiped down. Another student challenged the law students to be accountable and clean up after themselves. Amish explained that we are working on improving conditions in the library and the law school.
- Students also requested hand sanitizer on each floor, preferably with stands near the elevators. Students were informed that each bathroom has hand sanitizer in it, but they wanted something without having to go to the bathroom. Amish is looking into it.
- Students reported that sinks in bathroom not working on the Gambrell side. Amish is looking into it.

New Business:

Library Instructional Classes: Thomas Sneed gave an overview of the advanced legal research classes that law librarians are teaching in the fall and the spring semesters. He also spoke about the lunch-time classes offered occasionally by librarians, including the current series, “Law & Technology”. He reported that attendance has been down for the lunch talks and solicited feedback from students:

- Students reported that every law school meeting takes place at noon on Mondays & Wednesdays because that’s when there are no classes. Students suggested alternate times for classes, like Tuesday or Thursday lunch or early morning classes with coffee.
- Students also said that there were too many calendars and that they would like to see more free time (meaning time when there are no classes scheduled for extra-curricular activities). This is an issue to take up with the law school.

Stress Busters: Richelle gave an update on the library’s planned Stress Busters activities for the fall exam period.

- The library will sponsor chair massages for students on 12/2/13 & 12/3/13.
- The therapy dogs will be in the library on 12/4/13 & 12/5/13 and 12/9/13 & 12/10/13.
- The library will also offer nightly coffee and snacks 11/25/2013 & 11/26/2013 and again, 12/2/13 – 12/5/13.
- The library also has board games to be checked out by students during the exam period.
- Richelle followed up on a previous SLAC suggestion about having comedies playing for students to watch. Because the library does not want to take away study room space, the suggestion has been forwarded to the Office of Student Engagement. The library has offered to check out comedies to be played in space on the law school side.

New Student Feedback

- One student asked if the library could turn on the printers earlier in the day so that students didn’t have to wait so long for the printers to warm up in the morning. Printers are never turned off, but go into sleep mode after periods of non-use.

- Students would like more information about what is available at the circulation portion of the service desk (pain killers, ear plugs, chargers, etc.)