

## SLAC Meeting Notes

**Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2015**

**Time: 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm**

**Location: Gambrell Hall, Room 5D**

**Attendance: (Richelle has the sign-in sheet)**

### **Welcome and Overview:**

Richelle Reid opened the first SLAC meeting of the 2015-16 school year by welcoming the new members and giving an overview of SLAC's history and accomplishments. This is the fourth year of SLAC, and its initiatives have led to several changes in the library's service space:

- Comfortable seating has been a top priority of SLAC throughout its existence. The single service point model that the library has moved to allows more space for comfortable seating such as sofas and ottomans.
- Standing stations in the law library were a health-motivated SLAC initiative.
- The water dispensers located throughout the law library and law school were also proposed by SLAC.
- SLAC feedback has been instrumental in developing Stress Busters programming.

### **Student Introductions:**

At this point the new representatives went around the table and introduced themselves, and voiced concerns they would like to see addressed in the coming year:

Technology issues were a major concern. Specific issues included:

- Frustration over the printing setup, in particular during finals, when many students are trying to print at once.
- Phone-charging stations. Richelle referred the student to the one charging station available currently, provided by Westlaw, but there appears to be interest in additional stations.
- Computer chargers available for checkout at the service desk. Richelle mentioned the variety of Mac chargers, but there is interest in PC chargers as well.
- A dedicated computer-charger table such as the one at Clemons Library at the University of Virginia was suggested. Students can sit there and work while their laptops

charge, then move when their computers are charged so that other students can charge their own laptops.

Comfort in the library was also a popular topic, though there were fewer concrete suggestions on improvements in this area. One student wished for a “bunk bed area” but understood it was not really a feasible request.

The LLMs in the group raised concerns specific to their program. One would like to see more integration in the LLM program and was specifically interested in working with Jessica Dworkin to bring this about. Another was interested in seeing more international law books added to the collection. An SJD candidate who is also serving as a graduate advisor wanted to see increased space for SJDs in the form of lockers around the SJD area and a computer for SJDs to use.

### **Staff Introductions:**

Kelly Parker Cobb introduced herself as attending in lieu of Kristi Tanner, Head of Access Services.

Scott Andrews introduced himself as the IT representative. He addressed the issue of printers which had been raised previously in the meeting; the printers are under the jurisdiction of central Emory IT rather than Emory Law IT. He also mentioned the IT helpdesk and how to place help requests.

Amish Mody introduced himself as the head of Operations. He reminded the students of the importance of safety, both for their persons and their property. He recommended that valuable items such as laptops not be left unattended, since members of the public are present in the building. Kelly added that library staff can hold items at the Service Desk when students need to step out. He also mentioned the services available for student safety at closing time. In particular, Emory PD can help with numerous issues, including car breakdowns.

Richelle Reid introduced herself as the liaison between students and staff and encouraged students to come to her with concerns. She also announced the debut of new chairs in the library on September 21, in part due to SLAC suggestions.

### **Student Recommendations and Comments**

One student asked whether normal staplers could be provided at the Service Desk. Richelle explained that the large industrial stapler replaced normal staplers which could not stand up to the stress of constant heavy use and were constantly breaking. There was discussion of adding a QR code for the current stapler to provide more information, such as changing the mode from manual to automatic and back.

Students also spoke of their appreciation for events that give the library a community feel, such as snacks during Stress Busters and the Thankful Tree at Thanksgiving.

Amish reminded everyone that the refrigerators in the student commons are communal and cleaned out once a month. Signs will announce the cleaning date in advance.

In closing, Richelle praised Amish and Scott for all the things they have helped SLAC accomplish. She also encouraged students to think of things they'd like to see in all areas of the law school, not just the library. She told the students their names as SLAC representatives would be released in On the Docket and on the law school's website after they filled out and returned their media release forms. This will enable their classmates to find them to express concerns and ideas. She promised to send SLAC representatives copies of Amish's After Hours Assistance flyer along with the release form and staff contact information.

**Next Meeting: October 21<sup>st</sup>, Noon-1 pm**