

Hugh F. MacMillan Law Library
Emory University School of Law

Student Library Advisory Council (SLAC)

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

12:15 – 1:15

4th Floor Prow

SLAC Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Students: REDACTED

Librarians: Richelle Reid, Thomas Sneed, and Felicity Walsh.

Participation via e-mail: REDACTED (Note: Students emailed their comments prior to the meeting, and those comments were read aloud as each topic was presented.)

Agenda

- Recap: Stress Buster Activities
- Reports
- Suggestions for new topics and meeting format
- Next Meeting Date

Proceedings

I. Stress Busters Recap

- Coffee Table: The coffee table was a “huge success.” The committee agreed that the week preceding finals was a good time to have refreshments because many students were in the library (or law school) studying. REDACTED shared her observation of the lines each night immediately before the coffee table “opened” (Thomas has a picture).

The committee was split on the snacks – some thought they were appropriate, while others thought we needed something a little *less* healthy (like sugary snacks, chocolate, and happy foods). The quantities also need to be adjusted in the future to avoid running out of everything so fast. Richelle mentioned that the quantities were adjusted daily in an attempt to accommodate students. We should also consider ordering less spiced cider as many students drank it as a last resort (when we ran out of hot chocolate). REDACTED recommended adding Lipton black tea and peppermint tea as beverage options.

The idea of coffee table sponsorship was discussed. REDACTED mentioned Alka Seltzer reps giving out coupons on the bottom of cups at a local coffee house. And REDACTED told us about the Coca-Cola, Red Bull and Monster reps that used to walk around main campus giving out free samples, soft drinks, etc. REDACTED commented that Coke may have grant money available; we should be able to go through one of the campus offices to get more information.

Finally, “pop-up” food (unexpected, surprise treats) was recommended by REDACTED and REDACTED. Free bagels or free ice-cream (like Dean Ethan Rosenzweig giving away free ice-cream to students one evening during finals) would attract students and would be a nice surprise.

- Biofeedback: The biofeedback was good, but students did not know what it was or understand the benefits. REDACTED tried the biofeedback and thought it was very useful and beneficial. The facilitator conducting the test shared a lot of valuable information. We also needed more slots so that more students could participate.
- Yoga: Yoga is good, but “weird,” according to one SLAC member. Some people just feel more comfortable doing yoga at their regular studio. More afternoon slots were needed, too. REDACTED, for example, wanted to participate but couldn’t because there weren’t enough late afternoon slots. Ben mentioned seeing several comments on Facebook about the yoga classes around Emory during finals. The committee decided that it’s a good idea, but we could skip it in the future.
- Chair Massages: Everyone on the committee agreed that the chair massages were a hit. And, there was a lot of chatter on Facebook about the massages. Chair massages and the coffee table would be the “best bang for the buck.”
- Games: REDACTED checked out an iPad for the games, but suggested we add something other than games to the iPad like Netflix, Hulu, etc. REDACTED thought that more students did not play the board games for fear of being too loud and disturbing other students. REDACTED recommended screening one episode of a comedy TV series for a short break, such as Seinfeld, The Office, Suits, Arrested Development, Friends, Parks and Recreation, and Community (REDACTED, REDACTED and REDACTED also contributed the preceding list of possible sitcoms).
- Marketing: The newsletter, poster and flyers were effective. Plus, a little old-fashioned “word of mouth” (and its more modern equivalent – Facebook) seemed to enhance the library’s print and electronic ad campaign. REDACTED and REDACTED volunteered to write on chalkboards in the classrooms in the future – for added visibility. REDACTED suggested that we [librarians] pick 10 or so students (SLAC members) to e-mail other students with announcements, and let those students email their friends and classmates. Students are more likely to read an e-mail from a friend or fellow students as opposed to library/law school staff.

II. Reports

- Chairs: The committee agreed that anything would be an improvement. We are still looking at the 4th floor as a starting point since there are fewer chairs to replace. REDACTED is still interested in this issue, and states that students prefer the black chairs on the 4th floor.
- Library Climate: Students report that the Granger Hansell Room is still cold. Felicity provided an update and informed us that Emory runs its heat and air simultaneously, year-round. One member suggests a Dyson circular heat blower for that room (Dyson’s are less dangerous because

they do not have blades and are hollow in the middle). REDACTED reports that it is still cold in many areas of the library, like GHR, but that she continues to work in a different area and brings her blanket at times, too.

- Electrical Outlets: Felicity reported that the electrical outlets were fixed. Travis and Jimmy found a breaker that had been shut off.

IV. New Topics and Meeting Format

- On-Campus ILL: REDACTED asked if any further consideration had been given to the suggestion of book runs for JM and LLM students to retrieve books from Woodruff. Felicity stated that we are still looking into the logistics of this idea.
- TI:GER Program: Request for office space in the library for the TI:GER program to have a room (like Moot Court and journals)
- Library Hours: REDACTED would like to discuss Saturday hours.
- Library Classes: Thomas discussed enrollment in Spring legal research classes.
- Library Art: REDACTED expresses his gratitude for the art in the library. He thinks that it is “great to always have new things to see.”
- Meeting Format and Time: Richelle asked students if Wednesdays are still convenient, and if they like the meeting format. Everyone agreed that Wednesdays are best, the format is good and the time is usually convenient.

V. Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 20, 2013, 12:15 – 1:15 in the Prow (4th floor)

Respectfully submitted,

Richelle Reid