

SLAC Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, January

Time: 12:15 – 1:15

Location: Gambrell 5A

Attendance: (Richelle has the sign in sheet)

Old Business & Reports:

Recap of Fall SLAC Activities – Richelle Reid reviewed the things that SLAC accomplished during the fall semester including: computer monitors into which laptops could be plugged; more standing stations, including three with no computer stations on them; hand sanitizer caddies throughout library and standing dispensers at entrances; check on microwaves (need instructions on how to use older ones with dials); water dispensers (a big hit with entire community, not just SLAC), additional water dispensers/hydration stations being installed in the spring semester on each floor of the library; library 2nd floor remodel is almost complete as chairs have been reupholstered and the library is only waiting for rest of new furniture to be delivered; new legal fiction collection now available at library; new study rooms (M310 & M410) to be added at the library in the next couple of weeks

StressBusters – Richelle Reid asked for feedback on fall stress busters events in the fall, including advertising. (Student feedback included the phrase “ah yes” .) Students enjoyed the chair massages but reported they would like longer than 15 minutes. Students also liked the balance between healthy and junk food snacks provided during coffee/snack time, especially enjoyed the granola. Students also asked about the schedule for massages since 1L’s have all their exams in the afternoon. Students didn’t really want massages before exams but would really like them after the exams. In terms of advertising, the students suggested tent signs on the turnstile and said that students rarely check their mail folders so any materials placed in there would be a waste of paper.

Operations Report – Amish Mody reported that the hydration stations are installed and fully operational and that the microwaves are working as well. The library will have hydration stations on every floor soon. Amish also reported that XBOX is fully operational and that students can check out games and equipment at the service desk in the library. He also announced that all of the law school classrooms and other parts of the law school are getting fresh coats of paint.

IT Report – Ben Chapman reported OWA is going to 365Live at the end of the semester and assured everyone that there will be no disruption of services. When the switchover takes place, students will eventually be able to access Microsoft Office for free. He also reported that the plans for digital signage in Gambrell Hall are being implemented. He reports that there will be ten 47” digital signs throughout the law school.

New Topics/Comments:

Student Questions/Comments

- Students asked about print subsidies and the cost of printing. They asked about the possibility of free printing for small jobs. Also one student suggested an ADM so that students could add print funds to their cards with cash at the library. Ben reported that those machines are too expensive but that students can pay cash for print jobs at the copy center. Students weren't aware of the services offered by the copy center, and Ben, Felicity, and Dana enlightened the students are the ways in which the copy center can meet their printing, binding, office needs.
- Students requested/asked about investigating the following items:
 - Bookstands to be checked out to help with neck issues of hunching over texts for reading – Richelle will investigate prices
 - More copies of the most popular study aids for exam periods – Dana & Richelle will look into circulation statistics and ordering more copies, if warranted
 - More questions about all the things available at the circulation desk – Felicity and Dana went over list
 - Would be nice to have lounge chairs or bean bag chairs or chairs with adjustable heights
 - Foam rollers to roll your back out while studying

Library Instructional Sessions – Thomas Sneed reported on the schedule for classes being taught by the law librarians. Law librarians offer two research classes each semester. Advanced legal research is offered both semesters. In the fall, the second class is international legal research. In the spring, the second class is legal research and technology. Ben Chapman also reported that Jennifer Romig is hoping to teach a class on legal writing for the web in Fall 2014.

ALR Grading Curve Discussion – Due to a lack of time, the discussion of ALR grading curve will be postponed to a later meeting.