Library Student Advisory Council
Meeting Notes (October 19, 2021)

Attendees:

I.   **Welcome to LSAC and Introductions**
Dani Cook, Associate University Librarian Learning User Experience, welcomed new and returning Library Student Advisory Council members and thanked them for joining. Each library and student member introduced themselves.

II. **Overview of goals of LSAC**
Dani Cook laid out the goal of students working with library staff to provide students with the best possible library services, spaces, and collections.
- LSAC minutes are posted online: https://lib.ucsd.edu/lsac
- Members may email comments and questions to lsac@ucsd.edu

III. **Expectations/Responsibilities of LSAC members**
- Members are expected to actively participate in meetings in October, November, January, February, April, and May, and to forward the minutes to peers and constituents in a timely manner.
- Six newsletters will be sent out to members. Members are expected to answer the feedback questions in the newsletter, and to forward the newsletters to peers and constituents.

IV. **Get to Know Each Other: Library Bingo Edition**
Members enjoyed getting to know each other by playing an interactive bingo game. Library-branded prizes were given to the winners.

V.   **I Like / I Wish / What If…**
Members gave feedback on what they like about the library, what they wish the library would be like, and their future for the library. Members were also asked for ideas on increasing the number of students masking in the Library. The feedback was:

I like…
- The 8th floor and how comfortable it is for studying
- A space where everyone is working
- The noise system for the different floors
- The 8th floor
- The accessibility of outlets one each desk
- I like the tours we get to go on within this committee
- I like the hold area
- I like the silence and quiet the library offers
- I like the noise level floors in the library and the couch chairs on the 2nd floor with desk
- Accessibility of technology i.e. laptops, chargers, cables
- I like there was more space on the 8th floor
- The large amount of charging stations
- The amount of seats/resources available

- That the temperature is very good
- I like the climate-controlled environments
- The space each student gets with the desk on the 8th floor of Geisel
- The digital media lab, especially the 3D printing
- I like the environment of both libraries overall (welcoming)
- The AC, even though it feels hot when you first walk in
- Movable whiteboards
- The moveable charging towers + whiteboards
- The environment
- The moveable whiteboards
- Study pods on the 8th floor
- The café
- The architecture
- The environment
- The view (on the eighth floor)
- Portable chargers
- The sign that shows how busy different areas are
- I really like Audrey's + 2E and how we can freely talk on that floor
- Large windows for natural light in the day
- The couches and cubicles on east commons
- The outlets
- That it is open 24/7 during the week
- I like the new portable battery packs
- The events hosted by the library
- 24/7 study
- 8th floor pods are amazing
- The availability of study spaces and the diversity of them
- I like the study rooms
- Treadmill standing tables
- The walk stations
- The atmosphere of BLB, something about the environment and the way the tables/books are laid out makes me want to study
- The different colored chairs
- The amount of outlets + charging batteries/packs
- I love the library so much because of its aura, the architecture, it gives me the feeling I'm entering some place sacred. I was so glad they opened up (being an undergrad sophomore) and I appreciate how each floor is dedicated to a different kind of study. I used to think I wouldn't use the 8th floor much because I thought the silence would make me uneasy, but I love it so much! I love the different tables, chairs, the water stations, bookshelves, everything is so easily accessible, it's my favorite place.
- The overall atmosphere of the library, especially with the different floors being dedicated for different types of study. I love using the lower floors to just relax and do things like readings for classes then going to the upper floors for more concentrated work.
- That there are so many options for students to engage their learning, they can have individual learning on the 8th floor, or they can learn as a group on the 2nd floor.
- The studying vibe throughout the building, especially above the second floor. Students were actually getting work done on the quiet and silent floors.
- I like the second floor of the Biomedical Library for its amazing decoration and clear glass domes. I like the quiet study and overall ambiance in both libraries.

I wish….

- I wish there was a snack lounge somewhere in the library
- There were hangout rooms with snacks, a tv, a couch etc.
- They provided blankets and comfy furniture for overnight
- Non MacBook chargers
- More reliable Wi-Fi
- More colored printers (+ accessibility)
- More elevators (they're always packed)
- A fun event/social floor one day a week
- We could rent/borrow chargers
- More charging stations (ones with wires ready near seats)
- There was a way to check if students are inside any aisle before moving it
- There were a few vending machines on each floor
- Mini whiteboards
- There were hand sanitizer stations across every library
- I wish the library had computers that ran Adobe throughout each floor
- I wish each floor had coffee dispensers
- I wish there were more of the portable battery packs
- There was a fiction book section offered by the library, or spaces tailored to a particular book like Harry Potter
- Puzzles in second floor east
- All the outlets working on the tables in the library (mainly the second floor)
- It wasn't so cold all the time
- Better lighting/less bright white lights
- Lamps at the individual cubicle areas
- There were more charging ports
- More outlets worked so I don't have to worry about finding the right spot to charge my device
- The Wi-Fi was more reliable across all spaces, sometimes it takes 5+ minutes to connect
- The Wi-Fi was better
- I wish we had designated entrance/exits at Geisel because I run into people when I try to leave
- I wish we had a subscription to Kanopy that included all titles, not just instructional ones
- I wish we had unlimited access to Lynda/LinkedIn Learning
- I wish there were some more comfortable couch-like chairs near the windows of the 6th/7th floors (for both privacy and comfort)
- More stable chairs (don't move as much when you lightly lean back)
- More study pods on other floors of the library
- A bigger/larger part of the library was open 24 hours
- I wish the library offered free audiobooks
- I wish there was a way to feature all new books online
- Change brightness on computers
- I wish there was more overnight seating/spaces available especially during midterms and finals week
- I wish the library had some indoor hammocks
- I wish we had sleep/mediation pods like they have at RIMAC
- The lib hours could be longer on weeknights because I work during the day
- Library popsocket
- There was more snack/drink options for students while studying
- More course materials were made available via course reserves
- There were more community spaces
- There was more interesting seating (bean bags)

- There were more tables/seating areas
- I wish there were places specifically to nap and wake you up at the time you select
- I wish reserving a room was easier, like you can reserve multiple rooms at a time
- I wish there were more times available for the virtual study rooms we did during the pandemic (and more people knew about them)
- I wished there was more active study rooms/spaces available to work on projects with other people
- I wish we had more designated eating places because most people on the 2nd floor east already are eating and drinking so we can make that area a food place
- 3rd floor seating
- Some of the individual desks were larger (fit a computer + notebook)
- I wish library reservations were not allowed to go out as far they do (hard to book study space)
- We could reserve the study rooms for longer time periods
- I wish the library didn't close so early on Fridays and Saturdays because that's when I do the most homework. I wish the bookshelves had a label on them, so I know what I was looking for (sometimes looking it up on the website doesn't work because of network issues) and I wish it had more lockers for students.
- There were more available outlets to use especially on the quiet study areas. There were more available outlets to use, especially in the quiet study areas. There are times where the table outlets aren't working and there is no available outlet for me to move to.
- That there was more awareness about the resources that the library offers, such as whiteboards at students' disposal.
- The library can have more seats for the quiet and silent floors. In the afternoon, usually, these floors are crowded because students want to get some work done before leaving campus. Because these floors do not have as many spaces as the first and second floor, the air is not fresh, and it feels suffocating easily, especially with masks on.
- I wish that we could extend the library hours on Fridays until 8 pm as well. However, I understand that this may not be possible. I also wish that we could have a day where we include a tour of both libraries for students to understand the opportunities they can explore at the libraries.

What if…
- You could see down into another floor from a higher floor
- There was a moat around Geisel and a draw bridge
- The upper outside area had a picnic and fancy dinner set up
- You could ride to the roof
- The glass on the walls was a mosaic
- We sold Geisel merch
- Triton branding/blue and gold paint on the 2nd floor
- Goodie bags with library goods (student ID scan)
- Each floor had a separate theme/theme of a college
- Each floor had a different theme
- More café seating (different areas)
- What if each college had a designated area/resources hub here in Geisel for students to connect to others/resources with?
- We had offshoots of the library at different colleges ex: at Revelle there is a single room gym managed by rec; it would be nice if there was something like that but library wise
- There were more types of seating (yoga ball chairs) (bean bags)
- More advertisement for library events (student email with eye catching thumbnails)
- What if the library had a resource like VAC (virtual advising center) to help condense students' questions/needs all in one place

- 2nd floor TV with calendar of events across campus
- Outdoor programming on the 3rd floor
- The library hosted movie nights
- We had a quicker way to get books which are out of stock
- What if there was a guide or tutorial video to what the library provides
- There were areas to take a break from studying (game room, lounge etc.)
- There was a student book club
- Created a book club
- What if there were sleeping pods in the library
- What if there were video game stations
- There were some more cool book displays
- What if there were soundproof room where it was completely silent
- Create displays of popular/underrated diverse fiction books in order to encourage reading
- What if Geisel Library could float in space? (JK) what if we made it a place of learning by emphasizing social justice, having educational weeks, showcasing certain media on the second floor whenever its Black History Month or Indigenous Peoples' Day, etc.
- There was a scavenger hunt for students to participate in and learn more about how to use library resources!
- We had more outreach with the student community and created an instagram that kept up with library events and new things happening inside. We had more outreach with the student community and created an Instagram that kept up with library events and new things happening inside. We could have guest speakers and readers that appeal to more students.
- The library can open more floors overnight so that the second floor east would not be as crowded, and the sanity issues in that area are concerning.
- I was wondering if we could use the open area above the first floor of the Geisel Library as a study space as well, by including tables?

Ideas to increase masking…
- Security enforcing the masking policy (no entry if no mask)
- Providing masks for those in need
- Change the screensaver for computers to promote masking
- Giveaways of some sort
- We could give one free mask to every student with Geisel written on them when they enter the library (only once)
- I feel like the best way to encourage masking is to find ways to verbally tell people
- Table tents

The next LSAC meeting will be November 16, 2021 at 5pm in the Seuss Room