SLAC Meeting  
January 25, 2017

1. Welcome (Colleen Neely)
   - Colleen gave a quick recap of our last meeting, and asked the committee to let their friends know that the library is now open from 8:00 am – midnight on weekends this semester.
   - She also gave an update from Amber Lannon (AUL – Academic Services) about the new service point that we discussed at the last meeting: a working group will be formed in the spring to work on the details over the summer. The group will consider the Student Library Advisory Committee’s comments.

2. Food in the Library, Fines, and Food 4 Fines (Len Lawless, Head of Access Services)
   - Food in the Library:
     - Len told the group the arguments against allowing food in the library:
       - Mice are attracted to food crumbs, and it is very difficult to keep the building clean enough to prevent this.
       - Food allergies.
     - He asked the committee for their feedback on the following: What if we relax the food rules in the Carleton University Alumni Association Reading Room? He explained that it would be easy to do extra cleaning as needed, in that area.
     - The committee liked the idea.
   - Food 4 Fines:
     - Food 4 Fines is scheduled for the 2nd last week of March.
     - The committee members would like it held in the fall, as well.
     - There was a question about whether the library says what kind of food is most at need, and whether or not the Food Bank takes non-food items as well (e.g.: diapers, toiletries). Len mentioned that food banks find cash more beneficial than food donations since they can take the money and buy what is needed in bulk at a discount price.
     - The committee suggested that it would be helpful to the community if the fines that are collected during Food 4 Fines week were to go to the Food Bank, as well.
     - Len will ask Finance if we can hold Food 4 Fines twice a year.
     - He will also ask if the fines collected during Food 4 Fines week can be sent to the Food Bank.
   - Fines
     - Len was asked if the Library gets the money collected from fines.
     - He explained that the money collected from replacement fines goes back to the Library. However, the money collected from overdue fines goes to a central account (along with the money collected from Athletics and Parking). The
money in the central account is divvied up and distributed back to the Library, Athletics and Parking at the start of the next budget year.

- He mentioned that some libraries are doing away with fines. University of Manitoba no longer has overdue fines; however, if a book is recalled, the fine is $3/day; and the fine for late Reserve items is $3/hour.
- The committee liked that idea.
- There was discussion about the fact that you can’t take anything out of Reserves if you have a $10 fine. The idea is to encourage people to pay while it is still a small, manageable amount to pay.
- Fines over $10 go to Student Accounts. You can’t graduate if you don’t pay.
- The committee felt that students should be able to pay $10, so the $10 cut-off seemed acceptable.
- One of the students had the following suggestion for fines: how about if you use the treadmill to pay off your fine? For instance, walking on the treadmill for 15-30 minutes would pay your fine, and it would encourage people to stay fit and healthy.

- Other Topics That Came Up:
  - The Library needs to send emails to students to make them aware of things. There should have been an email to all students as soon as the weekend hours changed.
  - Noise in the Library. There was some discussion about the noise policy. Len mentioned that he is thinking about changing it to a noise level policy.
  - Loan Period: students were unaware that undergrads go from a 14-day loan period to 28 days when they reach 4th year. Len would like to give all undergrads 28 days, instead of just 4th year students.
  - Entertaining DVDs: we have some, but we don’t have enough funds to buy all the academic materials we need. Also, the public library has entertaining DVDs.
  - Pet therapy in the library.
  - How about stuffed toy animals to reduce stress?
  - Massage therapy to relieve stress at exam time.
  - Games and graphic novels – trying to make them more visible.

- And, on a Completely Different Note:
  - Len offered the following advice to the students:
    - When you apply for a job, always check the company website’s colours and fonts. Use those colours and fonts on your resume. It will create a sense of comfort and familiarity for the person reviewing your application.

3. What’s Next (Colleen)
   - The themes we’ll discuss at the next meeting are:
     - The website
• Furniture/group study rooms
• Colleen asked the group to email herself and Shelley if they can think of anything specific they would like to discuss about furniture or the study rooms so we’ll know if we need to invite a guest speaker.
• We’ll send out a Doodle poll to determine the date of the next meeting. The choices will be February 14, 28, March 7, 14.