

The Student Library Advisory Council will hold its last meeting of the fall semester on Monday, November 24 from 5-6 PM in 703 Olin Library. Food, beverages and baggies (for carry-out) will be provided. The agenda includes:

1) Library Budget Planning

The Library has begun a budget planning exercise in response to President Skorton's call in his 2008 State of the University address < <http://www.cornell.edu/president/speeches/20081017-state-of-university-address.cfm> > "to begin a deliberate process of reexamining many aspects of our management of the university." We are looking to identify cost savings and efficiencies and we invite your ideas and comments on ways to achieve these ends.

2) Olin Library Renovation Transition Planning

At the October 27 Student Library Advisory Council meeting, Pat Schafer and John Hoffmann presented the current plans for the first phase (floors 3-7) of Olin Library renovation which in addition to improved environmental and life safety features addresses several goals. These include: enhancing support for graduate students and research in general; maintaining the current collection size within Olin/Uris libraries; enhancing and increasing the number of research studies from 79 to 121; upgrading the research carrels with lockable compartments, shelving, a wider desktop, better lighting and power/data; increasing the number of classrooms (from 3 to 5); providing high speed Internet access throughout the building (Ezranet), and creating clearly delineated spaces for collaborative group work that do not impinge on the graduate reading rooms. We expect to know whether we have approval to complete construction/bid documents on December 11 when the Buildings and Properties Committee of the Board of Trustees meets. Final approval to proceed would mean that construction would likely begin in Summer 2009. Renovation, however necessary, will be disruptive. In order to minimize the length of the renovation project, we plan on closing floors 3-7 for use during for the two years renovation process.

Over the course of the next six to seven months, we will be considering options for this two year period about how to mitigate the impact of constraints and space considerations associated with the renovation and we seek your ideas and comments. Kornelia Tancheva, the Director of Olin and Uris Libraries, will provide additional information about the process and solicit your input.

3) Your issues and how the Library can help

An opportunity for you to ask questions, offer suggestions, and raise issues of concern about the Cornell University Library. If there are issues you would like to address in greater depth at this or future meetings, please let us know and we will provide time on the agenda.

Please respond to libadmin@cornell.edu to let us know if you will attend this meeting.

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