

Student Library Advisory Council
Monday, October 21, at 5:00 pm in 703 Olin Library

12 students attending (4 returning, 8 new)

Positive comments about the library:

- Digital CoLab
- Mann Library
- Cocktail lounge
- Online chat
- Search functionality (THANKS to UX team!)
- Kroch Asia collections
- Access to online databases
- Views from library reading rooms
- Responsiveness (esp. Vet library tea!)
- Anabel Taylor Hall student lending library
- Library staff collaborating across libraries.

Suggestions for things to improve:

- Lighting (ILR singled out)
- Access to Fine Arts Library roof for non-AAP students
- Poster printing now ONLY available at Mann – Olin service closed – now long queues at Mann
- Add to number of cameras loaned by AAP and make them available to all students, not just AAP
- Add briefcases, leather folders etc. to loan offers (as per Law student lending library)
- Expand text book lending & if possible include access codes (NB. lengthy discussion)
- Support Anabel Taylor Hall student lending library which is running out of space/staff/resources
- Communicate events better (suggestion: library events calendar)
- Increase rare collections connections with students e.g. internships (cf. Museum)
- Fix weird algorithm (began this semester!) that means students returning books on due date get fined
- Put more multiple copies on reserve, consider electronic copies of textbooks for free download
- Make a video to help students learn how to use the library
- Give freshmen help in discipline-specific orientation
- Too much jargon on library web site. The specific phrases and terms mentioned included “out for order,” “Annex,” “interlibrary loan,” and “Borrow Direct.”

In future SLAC would like to see the following themes addressed:

- Affordability
- Cross-disciplinarily
- Classroom integration of library resources