

Below are the notes from the Student Library Advisory Committee (SLAC) meeting on **April 15, 2015**. Student attendees: Robert Adelson (SEAS), Timothy Wotring (Union), Thome Nicocelli (SIPA). Library staff: Crohen, Dreyer, Crocomo, Mrkich, Levin, Morrow, Rockenbach

The meeting began with asking student attendees for their questions. Several themes emerged: a desire for longer hours in Burke, SEL, and SIPA; the possibility of making SIPA graduate student only during certain hours; and water bottle station update.

### **1) Water Bottle update**

We have submitted the order and are now waiting for facilities to fulfill order and install stations in Butler, SEL, and potentially other library locations. We hope this will be in place for fall 2015.

### **2) Extended hours**

The challenge to extending hours in Burke and SEL is the cost of public safety and students to staff the library. We have extended hours in Butler on the 5th and 6th floor starting April 20 until the end of the semester. We can investigate extending hours elsewhere and more often during the semester, but it will be a cost consideration.

### **3) Camping in the libraries (leaving things to save a seat while you are not there)**

We asked the student advisers to help us think about new approaches to the camping problem. One suggestion was to create a library Code of Conduct that outlines appropriate behavior in the libraries. This could include camping, eating, making noise, etc. This would be a middle ground approach between strict policy and more casual campaigns to end camping. This idea resonated because it helps create a norm for libraries that students could buy into. The subway etiquette posters were cited as a possible example for this approach. Another idea is to better integrate the Density application developed by the ADI group on campus. Students could then better predict which libraries are full at any given time.

### **4) Talk Zone - pilot in Butler**

We reviewed the talk zone pilot. The Butler rooms 406, 406a, & 409 were designated as a talk zone this spring for studying with friends, discussion, or collaboration. The student advisors suggested that the culture of the room hasn't really changed over the semester. Our observations also suggest that the room is still largely a quiet study space. Ideas for next fall:

- Advertise the space to all new students - perhaps a culture change is easier in the fall
- Call the space a lounge to indicate that it is not quiet space
- Add other features to the room, like plants, or other objects to signal that it is a different kind of space

### **5) Mobile-charging stations**

The charging stations have arrived and we expect to have them available in Butler in the lounge and in the Science & Engineering Library before the end of the semester. The Business Library already has a charging station.