**Student Library Advisory Committee**- April 6, 2018

Present:
Columbia University Libraries staff – Abbey Lovell, Anice Mills, Francie Mrkich, Barbara Rockenbach, Kristina Williams, and Breck Witte
Students: Shyamolie Biyani, Austin Mantele, Noemy Santos, Amelia Spooner, Shikmar Mittal, Carter Salis, Kevin Christensen, Katherine Burt, Patricia Kelly, Aaron Fisher

1. Introductions
2. Updates
   a. Shyamolie Biyani provided an update on the Design for America efforts in Butler 202. The Design for America project with Columbia Libraries is a student-led effort working alongside administrators and staff in Butler Library with a mission to improve the student experience at Butler. Based on the results of a survey of more than 200 current students, DFA x CU Libs has prioritized promoting healthy study habits, comfort, and wellness in Butler, with current emphasis on room 202. In the space, you’ll find newly-added footrests and seat cushions for a more comfortable study session as well as posters and stickers that encourage self-care and wellness during even the most hectic weeks of the semester. [https://blogs.cul.columbia.edu/spotlights/2018/04/27/columbia-libraries-design-for-america-stress-culture-butler/](https://blogs.cul.columbia.edu/spotlights/2018/04/27/columbia-libraries-design-for-america-stress-culture-butler/)

3. Student Engagement Proposal exercise
   a. The Columbia University Libraries created six Strategic Directions in 2016, [https://strategicdirections.library.columbia.edu/](https://strategicdirections.library.columbia.edu/). These Strategic Directions were identified in collaboration with key stakeholders, including the Student Library Advisory Committee, and staff and to provide guidance for the Libraries' decision-making, resource allocation, and partnerships for the next five years. The Inspire Inquiry strategic direction led to the formation of a Student Engagement initiative group. Over the course of the academic year, this group created a proposal for student engagement activities for academic year 2018/2019.

   b. Exercise: Students were asked to prioritize the 15 activities identified in the proposal. The winners were:
      i. Define 2-3 activities that encourage innovation and experimentation in the Libraries.
      ii. Assess and recommend improvements to library instruction spaces and classrooms.
      iii. Create a plan to coordinate exhibits (physical and virtual) with student learning and innovation at the core.
      v. Continue student wellness campaign and support professional development for library staff in the area of wellness.
      vi. Create a cohort program for student employees to foster their learning and acknowledge the key role they play in running the Columbia University Libraries.