

Here are the notes from the Student Library Advisory Committee (SLAC) meeting on February 9, 2015. Student attendees: Alissa Anderson (GSAPP), Robert Adelson (SEAS), Timothy Wotring (Union), Thome Nicocelli (SIPA). Library staff: Fabian, Dreyer, Crocomo, Mrkich, Levin, Rockenbach.

The meeting began with asking student attendees for their questions. Two major questions emerged: a desire for an update on the Provost Space Study and the possibility of water bottle filling stations in the library.

1) Provost Space Study Update

We have gotten preliminary feedback from the Provost commissioned space study including preliminary recommendations about how to increase the density and variety of study spaces in the libraries. The Provost's recommendations include goals for a multi-year increase in library study seating. We see the most opportunity for increases in seating capacity in Butler and Lehman libraries, and anticipate some additions being made in time for fall term. We have taken these recommendations seriously, along with feedback about crowding in the libraries, and will do all we can to address these issues.

2) Water bottle stations

We are hoping to install one water bottle filling station in Butler on the 3rd floor. Watson Library has a hot and cold water dispenser. Additionally, the Science & Engineering Library is looking into this and other libraries are hoping to retrofit existing water fountains with the ability to fill water bottles.

3) Copier Update

We have done an analysis of photocopiers across the libraries and have decided to eliminate low use copiers. Any library with only one copier will keep that copier, i.e. Burke. The ADA compliant copier in Lehman will be fixed and we will explore adding scanners to libraries losing a photocopier.

4) Talk Zone - pilot in Butler

Butler rooms 406, 406a, & 409 are now a talk zone for studying with friends, discussion, or collaboration. We have begun informal observations of this room to determine if the behavior in the room is changing with the pilot. We will report back to SLAC at our April meeting with more information. Other libraries are using the "Talk Zone" brand and we hope we can encourage more quiet study in non talk zone areas, such as the 5th and 6th floors of Butler.

- We will send text to Robert to include in the SEAS student newsletter
- We will add talk zone signs to Watson Library
- We will put flyers at the security desk in Butler advertising this talk zone

5) Stair recovering in Science & Engineering (SEL)

Anti-slip strips have been added to stairs in SEL. Fewer falls have been reported. The wood floors and stairs in SEL are loud and staff are exploring options with facilities to think about noise reduction.

- Jim Crocomo will investigate getting disposable ear plugs for the 4th floor of SEL

6) Mobile charging stations

SEL will be installing one station in the soft seating area on the 4th floor. Butler will have two in the lounge. We anticipate these will arrive by spring break. We will also have some USB and lightning chargers for those who have forgotten their mobile chargers. Reminder about the computer chargers available in Butler at the reserves desk and viewable through CLIO and from <http://library.columbia.edu/technology/laptop-chargers.html>. Avery also has computer chargers at the desk for loan.

7) Self-checkout in Butler

We have a self-checkout machine on the east side of the circulation desk in Butler. It is now working and we encourage students to take advantage of it, especially during heavy pick up periods such as when ILL and Borrow Direct items come in.

8) Announcements

- CUIT lab in Butler (213 & 213a) will be closed one hour a day for cleaning
- Butler reference service has moved from 301 to the Digital Humanities Center (305 Butler)
- Social Science reference has merged with the Data Center and is offered on the lower level of Lehman library along with other support in the Digital Social Science Center