

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/>
3. Student Engagement Proposal exercise
 - a. The Columbia University Libraries created six Strategic Directions in 2016, <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.
 - iv. Create a series, "How I Do my Research," with faculty experts.
 - 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.