

Student Library Advisory Council- November 16, 2018

Attendees

Columbia University Libraries: Anice Mills, Barbara Rockenbach, Francie Mrkich, Breck Witte

Students: Aimee Toner (Barnard), Ashritha Eadara (Engineering), Molly Boord (General Studies), Rahim Hashim (Biological Sciences), Anna Jastrzembski (School of the Arts), Alex Cuadrado (Italian)

For committee membership and previous meeting notes, please see our [Student Library Advisory Committee site](#).

Notes

*The next SLAC meeting will be held on **February 8, 12:30-1:30 in Butler 523**.

I. Updates and Questions

We discussed the location for the upcoming therapy dog visit in Butler Library on December 13 from 5:00-7:00pm. The students agreed that having the dogs in a reading room on the fifth floor would be less disruptive than on the entry floor (2nd floor). The lounge was also discussed but students felt that dogs in a eating space was not a good idea.

Plans for procrastination workshops (Oct 22, 29 & Nov 5 & 12 5:00-7:00pm in Butler 203) and mindfulness workshops in the Libraries.

2. The Future of Watson Library in Uris Hall

The Library has an opportunity to think about student space and new kinds of scholarship in the Watson Library in Uris Hall when the School of Business moves to Manhattanville. A university committee, the [Uris Vision Committee](#), is meeting this semester to come up with a vision for Uris. We asked the students for feedback on what space and service needs they have that the Watson Library space might accommodate in the future.

The goal of the meeting was to get a sense of the ideal look and feel for the library space. We broke the students into three groups and gave them 30 minutes to draw a rendering of the library space, write a brief story about an experience they have had in the library, and make a word cloud. Below are the images from the groups.



ENTER

- more open, less TSA-feeling
- structural changes required?
- less subject oriented, more broad
- "Humanities Library" limits who enters, focus on resources/rare it will be used
- partitioned area (Biology building does not have a single area for either work/social, so hopefully it can cater to both)

ENGAGE

- resources to be used for all depts (computer cluster, white boards, institutional student servers)

EXIT

- very central, so it is being used by everyone, lots of exits required
- no staking of areas → Full Exits

ENTICE

- oversized!
- Joes (not Blue Joes!)

EXTEND

Who? PhD Students

Memorable Library Experiences:

- 1) The number of libraries that are all in such close proximity to one another
- 2) RBML
- 3) Access to obscure books that are very accessible to acquire

Feelings:

- productive (i.e. not having students lying in specific spots with Netflix and pillows/blankets)
- natural light is very important
- collaboration across depts

WATER FOUNTAINS

SOFT LIGHTING

separate lounge (place to discuss a book from studying)

WARM

BOOKS

Inviting

quiet outlets
direct out

COMFORTABLE CHAIRS

INTIMATE STUDY SPACES

group friendly spaces

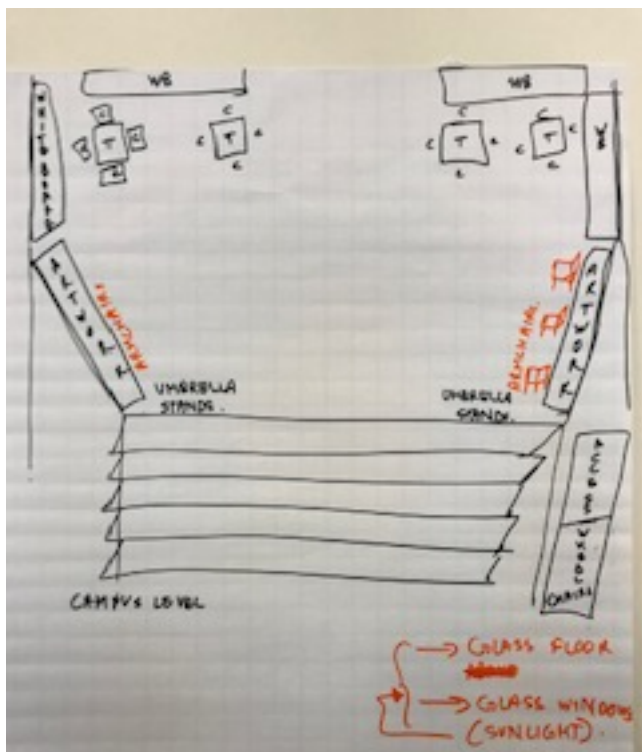
COFFEE

OPEN STUDY SPACES



WARM, comfortable

- 1) ARTS STUDENT
- 2) - BARBARA LETTING ME INTO A 5TH FLOOR RESERVE ROOM EARLY!
- NANCY FINDING A JOB OF BOOK FOR MY RESEARCH THESIS VERY QUICKLY
- FINDING ANY SPACE TO BUTLER & FEELING MORE WELCOMED AT WHOLE CAMPUS
- 3) FOCUSED - BEING ABLE TO MADE IN THE STACKS
MOTIVATED INSPIRED COMFORTABLE



ASHRITHA EADARA

- 1) FRIENDS
- 2) MEMORIES
- 3) FOOD
- 4) PRODUCTIVITY
- 5) SURROUNDED WITH PEOPLE
- 6) VIBRANT

- Aimee Toner, BC 2020
- Going out on the Milliken 2nd floor terrace for the first time inspired me to work on my paper for the day
- A calm atmosphere and natural lighting

