

Library Student Advisory Board – Minutes from 9/9/2017

Present: Brooke Shamblin, Penny Stricklin, Tristan Pointdexter, Erin Bragg, Susan Ernst, Summer Eary, Valen Bidleman, Zoey James, Kolleen Rose, Emma McAnirlin, Rebecca Seipp, Maryke Barber.

I. Welcome back! People shared what they'd read over the summer, and favorite thoughts about libraries.

II. Orientation: Maryke explained that due to a tightly packed, shortened orientation schedule, the library's Scrabble Run was canceled this year. The librarians are disappointed, but hope to design an orientation program or activity that can be offered to first-years next year. Suggestions from the group included working with first-year professors; using something similar to the Moody footprint decals; creating a virtual tour; creating something that emphasizes relaxation/low stress activity to counter the stress of orientation; offering a scavenger hunt or trivia question contest (with: prizes such as Hollins dollars, brightly colored bookmarks with clues). Signs could be posted in the stacks ("want to learn more about this?").

III. Ideas? Rebecca opened the floor to any and all suggestions, concerns or ideas. Summer mentioned the 3rd floor is very dark in the late evenings, compared to other library spaces (MB to look into this); Erin asked about a lock-in as a fun activity, maybe including a movie night.

Maryke noted that suggestions are welcome anytime; if you'd like to comment anonymously, you can do so using the suggestion box on the first floor (= the wooden box across from the Circulation Desk).

IV. Liaison to Senate; Rebecca asked for someone who is willing to be our liaison and who can make announcements if there is a program or service we'd like to promote. Brooke offered to help out for the Fall semester, and Emma in the Spring.

V. Book recommendations page: Maryke showed off our Hollins Recommends! page. You can find it at <http://libguides.hollins.edu/recommended> or from the library's home page: Find – By Collection, New & Recommended – Hollins Recommends.

All of the suggestions you gathered last spring have been posted; the site also has a form for further recommendations, a name index, and once we have more materials it will have an archive!

Please continue to gather recommendations from students (including yourselves!) , faculty and staff; send them to Maryke (mbarber@hollins.edu). To make updating the site manageable, we ask that you limit this to 4 recommendations at a time.

We will do some promotion of the site this year: the group suggested flyers with a link in the library and on Moody lunch tables; designating a book of the month (read it, take a quick quiz, get a prize); adding a "more like this" or "more by the same author" feature; or a game "guess which professor recommended this?" Rebecca noted we may do some promotion of this during bookmobiles; if we do, we'll send an invite to the group. Please join us to help us spread the word!