

## Library Student Advisory Council

April 20, 2021 [meeting/activities held remotely and asynchronously due to COVID-19 closure]

### April 20, 2021 Minutes

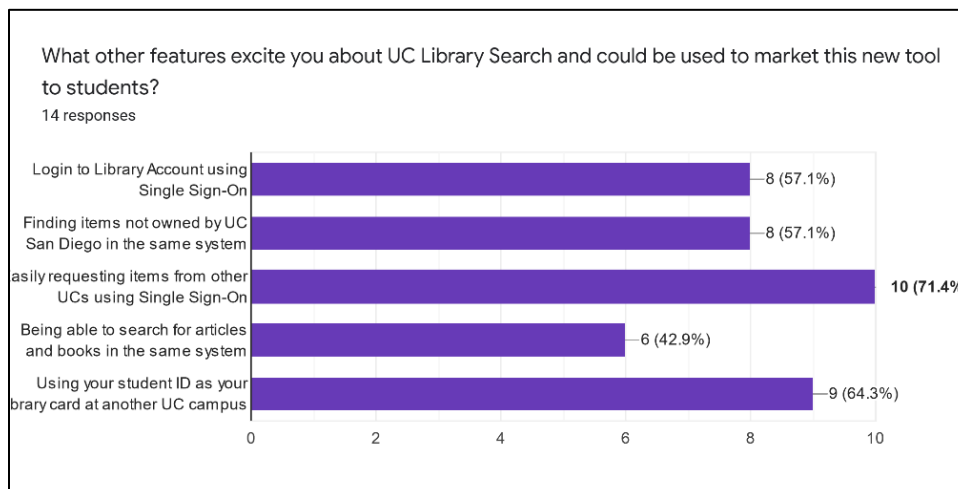
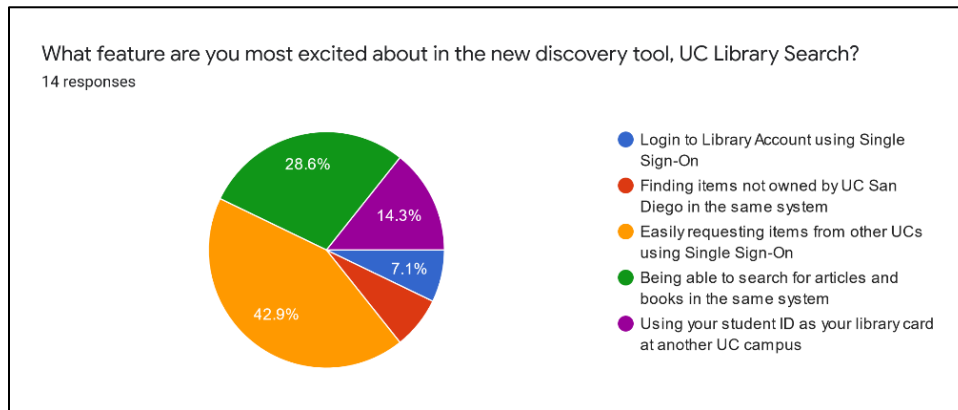
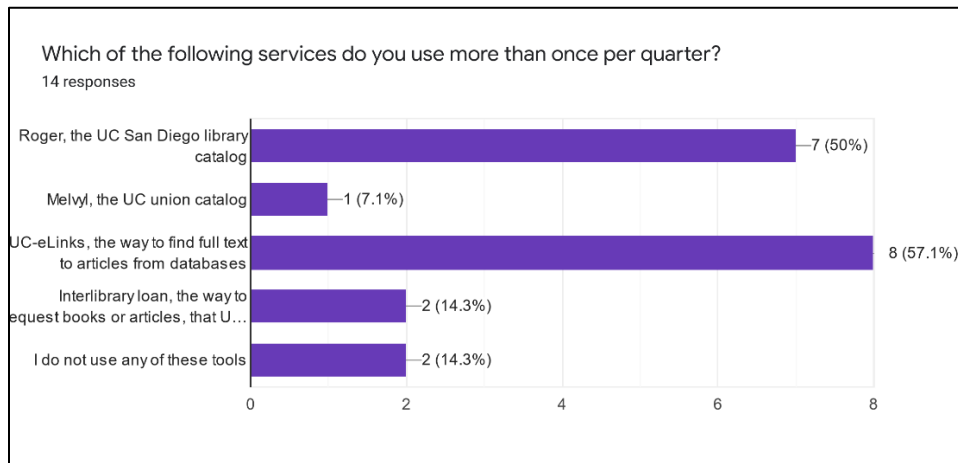
- I. LSAC members were thanked for their participation in the February 2021 LSAC exercises and for the valuable feedback they provided, despite that being a very busy time of the quarter. Members were reminded that only 2 LSAC meetings remain for this year, and to be sure to complete all April activities and to forward the April minutes on to their constituent groups and/or student peers right away.
- II. LSAC members were reminded that they may send any questions, feedback, or comments about the Library from other students or student councils to [lsac@ucsd.edu](mailto:lsac@ucsd.edu) at any time.
- III. **Newsletter Feedback Results:** The March newsletter asked members about the 'Request' feature in the online catalog. 9 LSAC members responded, with the results shown below.

<i>Users can request that UC San Diego Library items listed as "Available" in the <a href="#">online catalog</a> be made available for pickup through the Campus Curbside location. To submit requests, <a href="#">locate the desired item</a> and click its 'Request' link. Are you familiar with this 'Request' feature?</i>	
A. <i>Yes, I am familiar with the 'Request' feature, and have used it to submit pickup requests</i>	11.1% (1)
B. <i>Yes, I am familiar with the 'Request' feature, but have not yet used it</i>	66.7% (6)
C. <i>No, I wasn't aware of the 'Request' feature, but might use it in the future</i>	22.2% (2)
D. <i>No, I wasn't aware of the 'Request' feature, and am unlikely to request items for pickup</i>	0.0% (0)

- IV. **Required Activity 1:** To support the Library's outreach activities, members were asked to imagine that they've been hired to join the Communications & Engagement (C&E) team at the UC San Diego Library! The C&E team directs and oversees all Library branding and messaging, publications, and external communications. Its goal is to promote and increase awareness of the value and impact of Library services, resources, and activities. Members' first assignment on the job was to highlight library resources they believe are essential to student success. Members were provided some examples and then chose one resource to highlight and wrote a 100-200 word promotional blurb about it for the Library's Welcome Week newsletter. They could select a physical item from the Library's collection, an electronic resource to which the Library subscribes, a database or research tool, a physical location or service they've used, a de-stress offering, equipment or software, or anything else provided by the Library of which they think new students should be aware. Their goal was to convince users that the highlighted resource would be beneficial to them and supportive of their academic goals. 10 members wrote blurbs that we will use to promote the Library's resources in the future. Click [here](#) to see the great submissions we received.
- V. **Required Activity 2:** As the Library prepares for an eventual return to greater in-person services, likely in Fall 2021, members were asked to reflect on services and spaces of highest priority for their learning needs - particularly if not ALL Library services and spaces can initially return to their pre-COVID state. Members expressed their highest priority needs in a survey, to inform our planning for what services and spaces might be possible for Fall 2021 and beyond, while following all county and campus health guidelines. 14 members completed the survey. You may be surprised to see what services and spaces they considered most essential. Click [here](#) to view the complete survey results.

VI. **Required Activity 3:** A February 2021 survey of LSAC members showed they had an interest in learning more about the preservation of and care for library materials. Members were asked to view this [presentation](#), prepared by Jack Neves from the Library’s Preservation Unit, as well as the 3 videos within it, to learn more on this topic.

VII. **Required Activity 4:** In late July, the Library will transition from its current online catalog and integrated library system to a completely new system, which will unify systems and catalogs across all University of California Libraries. As the UC San Diego-specific “Roger” catalog is sunsetted, as well as the UC-wide “Melyl” union catalog, the new “UC Library Search” will take their place as our online catalog. To more information about this new and exciting system, members were asked to watch [this video](#) to introduce them to UC Library Search. After watching the video, members were asked a few questions about the forthcoming tool to help the Library determine which features would most appeal to students, the results of which are shown below.



**VIII. Required Activity 5:** The Library's Tech Lending Program (TLP) was created to help users who occasionally need specific items, such as laptop chargers or cable adapters, while studying or completing coursework at the Library. The Library offers a wide range of items, from whiteboards and markers to chargers and graphing calculators. The full list can be found [here](#). Members were surveyed about their use of this program and about items they would like made available for use in the library. 14 members completed the survey and prioritized items they believed to be useful. To review the complete survey results [here](#) to find out which three items were voted of most and least value.

**VIII: Library News:**

- **February LSAC minutes** are available [online](#).
- **BLB Student Study Space** hours are Sunday–Thursday from 10am–6pm, with reservations required (available for up to 3 hours). BLB hours through Spring 2021 are shown [online](#).
  - **More Open Seats at BLB & New Power Packs Available:** 29 additional individual study seats on BLB's 2<sup>nd</sup> floor are now available for reservation. All the seats remain physically distanced. As these additional seats have no power outlets, self-serve portable power-packs are available for users from the BLB Front Desk. Users can pick up a pack when they arrive, and return it to an adjacent bin at the desk as they leave. The packs are not to leave the building.
  - **Change to Reservations Policies:** To offer greater flexibility for users, the number of reservations allowed in the BLB Study Space each day has been increased to two per user.
- Please see this [additional update](#) on the Library's forthcoming catalog change. Further details and updates can be found on this [website](http://lib.ucsd.edu/uc-library-search) (<http://lib.ucsd.edu/uc-library-search>).
- Read the winning letters and all other responses submitted for our annual [Love Letters & Break-Up Letters to the Library](#) initiative in February. See what your fellow students have been missing the most about the Library while they are studying remotely!
- Submit a Short Story for Short Tales from the Mothership! The Library's annual Short Tales from the Mothership event invites participants to submit a sci-fi, fantasy, or horror story of 250 words or fewer to [Scott Paulson](#) by **April 27**. In celebration of Geisel Library's [50th anniversary](#), stories should incorporate a reference to "50" or "50th." At the virtual event on **May 4**, you will have the opportunity to read your story or have someone read it aloud for you. For more information, [click here](#).
- Nominate a book for [One Book, One San Diego!](#) This community book club, which aims to bring the San Diego community together by reading and discussing the same book, is administered by KPBS with participation from San Diego's many community and academic libraries, including the UC San Diego Library. The deadline to nominate is **May 5**. If you have any questions about the program, contact [Scott Paulson](#).
- **UC Reaches Landmark Open Access Agreement with Elsevier:** After over two years of negotiation, UC reached a [transformative open access \(OA\) agreement with Elsevier](#), the world's largest academic publisher. The new four-year agreement went into effect April 1, 2021, restoring UC's direct online access to Elsevier journals, while accomplishing the university's two goals for all publisher agreements: Enabling universal open access to all UC research and containing the excessively high costs associated with licensing journals. [More information about the agreement](#).

**IX.** The next remote and asynchronous LSAC "meeting" is **May 18, 2021**, which will be the last LSAC meeting of the year; the agenda and assignments will be distributed on that date.