

## Library Student Advisory Council Meeting Notes October 17, 2023; Geisel Library-Seuss Room

### Welcome and Introductions (Skittles Round 1)

Dani Cook, Associate University Librarian for Learning and User Experience, welcomed all of the Library Student Advisory Council members to the first LSAC meeting of the 2023-2024 year. Each student introduced themselves along with the Library representatives by answering questions associated with the appropriate color of skittle that they eat.

### LSAC Role, Expectations, & Impact

Dani Cook laid out the goals and expectations of students working with Library staff to provide the campus' diverse student community with the best possible library services, spaces, and collections.

- LSAC minutes are posted online and can be distributed across campus:  
<https://lib.ucsd.edu/lsac>
- Members may email comments and questions to [lsac@ucsd.edu](mailto:lsac@ucsd.edu) at any time.

Dani pointed out the impact that feedback from past LSAC members has had, including: Expanded 24/5 footprint, addition of vending machines in both library buildings, increased wireless access points, use of Dining Dollars at Audrey's cafe, increased options for charging devices, the new Calm Cave and Leisure Lounge, and furniture selection around the building.

### Library News

- Have questions about how to **get started using the Library**? Check out all of the information [on this page](#), from which you can also connect with library employees or seek **research assistance**. Want to explore the library virtually to find your new favorite study spot, view the Library's **virtual tour** [here](#).
- Learn how to **connect from off campus** [here](#) in order to view many library resources outside of the Library.
- Printing in the Library is the same as printing from elsewhere on campus, with [Wēpa self-service printing](#) available throughout the Library's two facilities.
- Check out the new **Calm Cave** in Geisel Room 621. Offered as a mediation and reflection space for students, the room provides comfortable seating, a great view, a relaxing vibe, amenities like yoga mats and floor cushions, and a variety of meditation and mindfulness-related books.
- Try another new space, the **Leisure Lounge** in Geisel's 1st Floor Southwest. This space offers board games, coloring, origami, and other tools for a brief distraction from studying. Enjoy it alone or with friends. Want the room to offer something more? Let us know through the QR code survey posted in the space.

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- Intended to support effective work while in the Library, see the **Tech Lending [options](#)** available in the Library here.
- The Library's **De-Stress with Pups** events occur every quarter in Geisel's Classroom 1. [Learn more here](#) about these and other fun offerings or [watch this page](#) for dates. Another option for a quick de-stress break in the Library is to work on one of the three **Shared Puzzle** stations in Geisel or the one in WongAvery Library.
- The Library is again partnering with UCSD Recreation to offer all-levels **yoga on Geisel's forum** [exterior] level during Weeks 1-10. Classes are free for students, but [registration is required](#) prior to each class. Please bring your own yoga mat and a light jacket.

## Scavenger Hunt

Members traversed Geisel Library to find various locations of interest that will be helpful for them in their studies. When asked if any place was particularly interesting, responses included:

- Found the physical Course Reserve location, which was a bit hidden
- Calm Cave was the loudest space on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor when I visited it
- Couldn't find the East Commons WalkStations in their prior location: Those 2 were recently decommissioned; looking to replace either one or both as soon as feasible; one still available in Geisel 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Southwest

## Skittles Round 2

Members participated in another round of get-to-know-you activities where they answered a question based on the Skittle they ate.

## Introduction of the Tunnel Project, Field Trip, and Activity

For this year, the main project for LSAC will be working with the Library on a redesign of Geisel's Tunnel connecting its east and west sides on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. The goal is to have the project completed and installed by the end of the academic year. Overall seating in the area must stay the same or increase (~40). Members may consider lighting, walls, and furniture. Construction, electrical work, and other infrastructure are out of scope.

Members traveled to the tunnel to look at the space, then completed a survey on different seating possibilities. Member comments included:

- Group seating vs. individual seating
- Current feel is more cozy, quiet study
  - More individual study, in the midst of small group study
- Lighting: Looking for ways to provide brightness; would appreciate individually-controlled lighting; white light vs yellow light
- Wallpaper/paint as a tool to brighten it up
- Carpet color does not currently help the brightness, but carpet helps absorb noise

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- Consider light hues to brighten the space
- Upkeep and cleanliness should be considered, including for furniture

The Geisel Tunnel project team met 10/18/2023 and agreed that, due to our project timeline, we will seek additional input from college councils and other communities after the November LSAC meeting. We will have more specific drawings for those groups to react to, and look forward to engaging a broader representation of students!

**The next LSAC Meeting Is November 14, 2023 at 5:00 PM in Geisel's Sues Room**

# Library Student Advisory Committee (LSAC)

Meeting #1 - 10.17.2023

# Agenda

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- Welcome and introductions (Skittles Round 1)
- LSAC role + expectations
- Scavenger hunt
- Skittles Round 2
- Introduction of tunnel project, field trip, and activity
- Skittles Round 3
- I Like/I Wish/What If?

# Introductions

- Name
- Pronouns
- College/Major
- Pick a Skittle!

# The Role of LSAC

The Library Student Advisory Council (LSAC) is a group of UC San Diego students and Library staff working together to provide the campus' diverse student community with the best possible library spaces, services, and collections.

# LSAC Impact

- Expanded 24/5 footprint
- Vending machines in both libraries
- Increased wireless access points
- Dining Dollars at Audrey's!
- Increased charger checkout options
- Outdoor furniture on Geisel's Forum level
- More therapy dogs and de-stress events
- Calm Cave and Leisure Lounge
- Furniture selections

And this year...we will work together on the Tunnel!

# LSAC Expectations

- Actively participate in meetings in October, November, January, February, April, and May (meetings will be held in person, but LSAC participation may also include some supplemental, virtual or asynchronous elements)
- Convey student needs, concerns, and priorities to the Library, including advice and feedback on library policies, services, and spaces
- Share ideas and input on design and implementation of library services
- Share insights into student study, research, and Library use habits
- Communicate information about Library services and resources to the student community

# Scavenger Hunt



# Skittles Round 2

# The Tunnel

# Project Overview

- This year, LSAC will collaborate with Library staff to finalize redesign of Geisel's first-floor tunnel
- This builds on work of previous LSAC groups
- Our goal is to have the project complete by the end of this academic year
- Budget: \$200k
- Seating must stay the same or increase
- In scope: Lighting, carpet, walls, furniture
- Out of scope: Construction, electrical, infrastructure

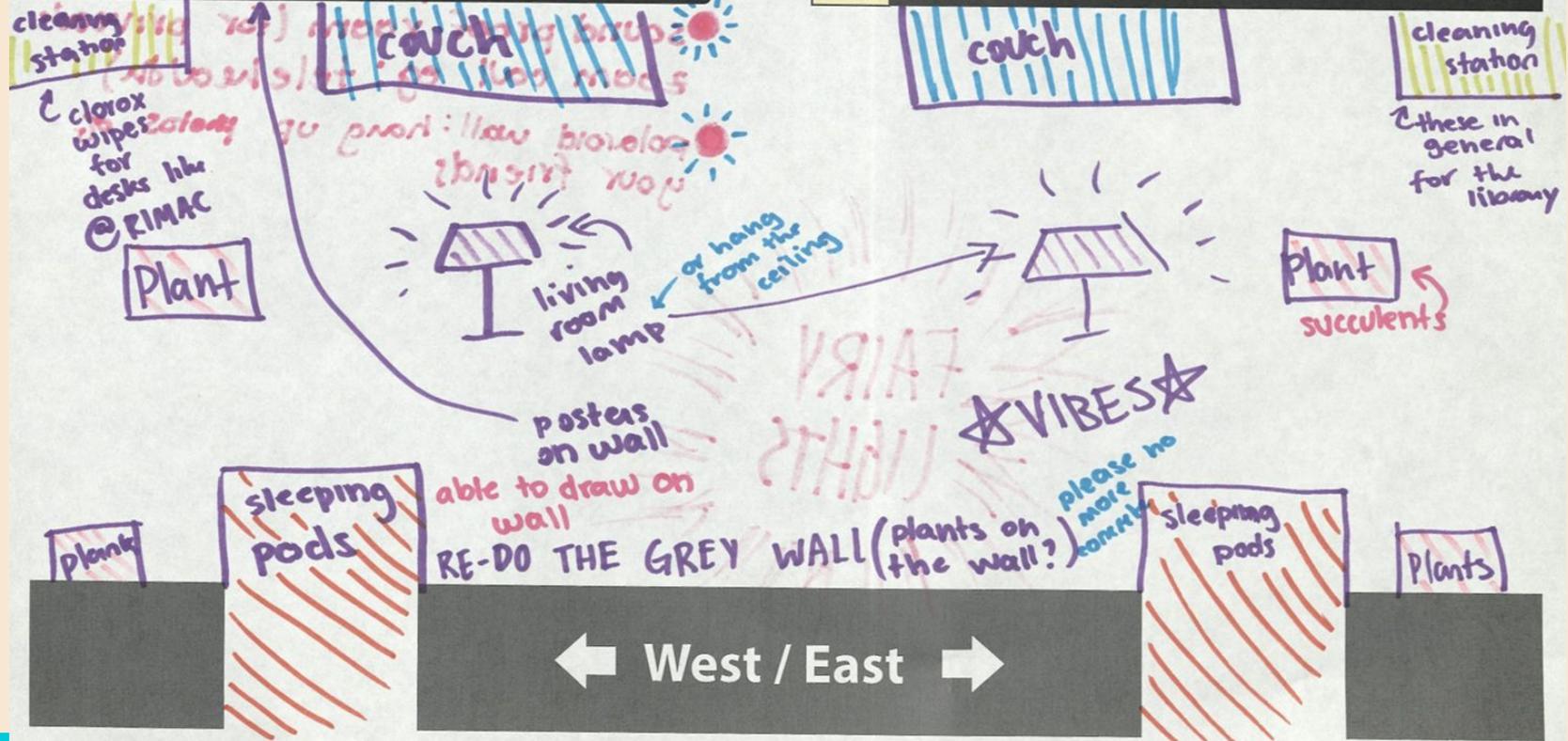
# Field Trip!

# Student Lounge

How would you redesign this space?

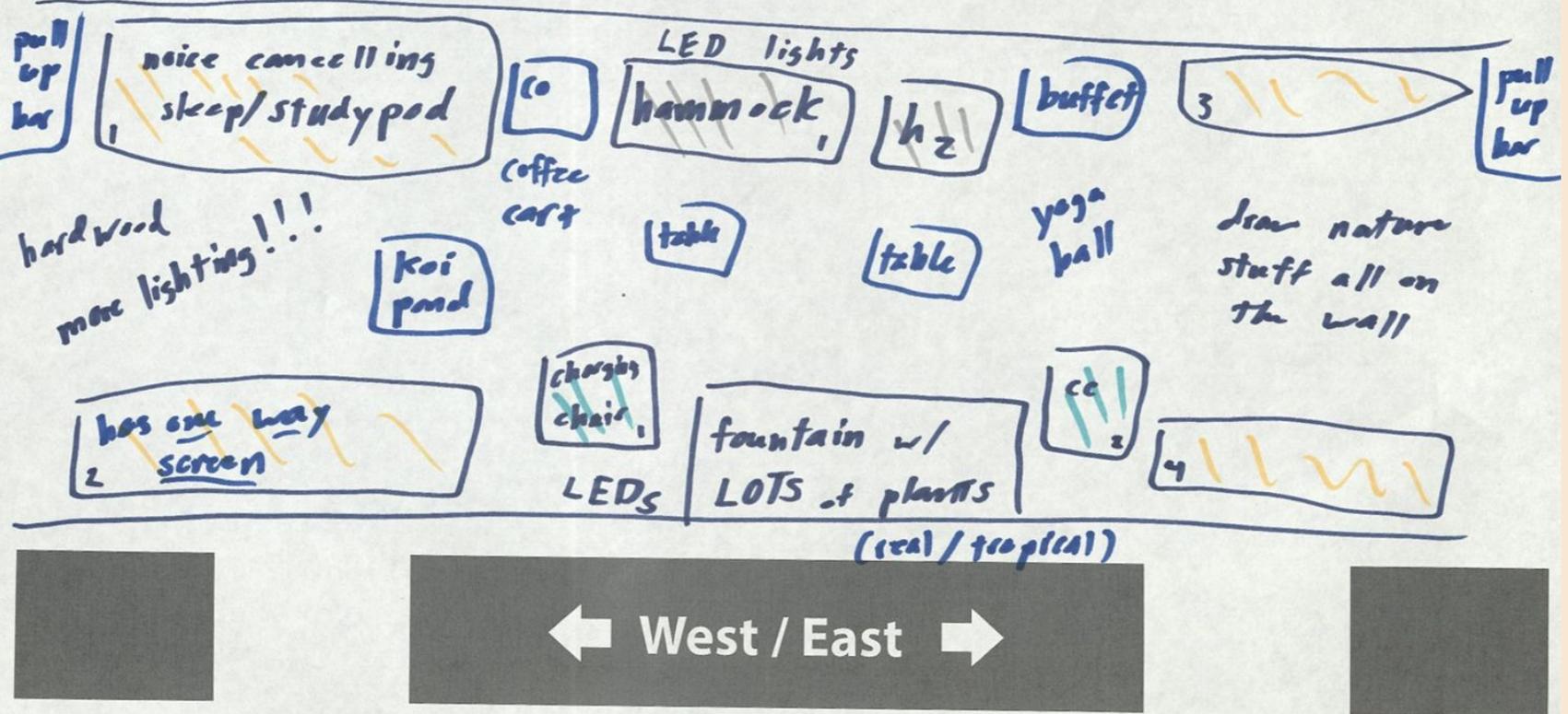


study break space  
the living room =)



# Student Lounge

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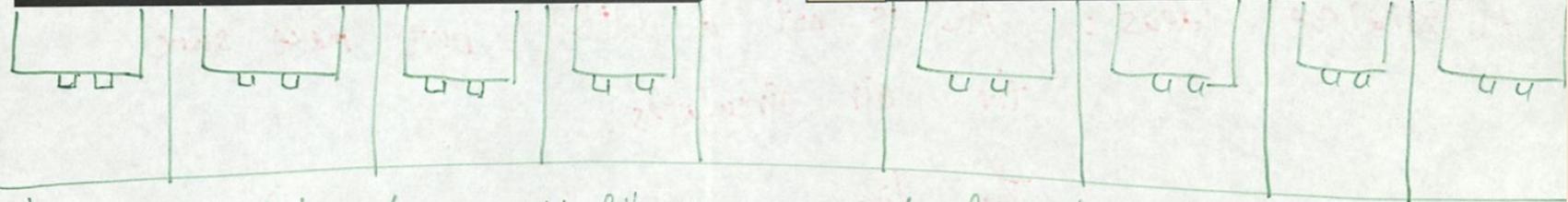


# Student Lounge

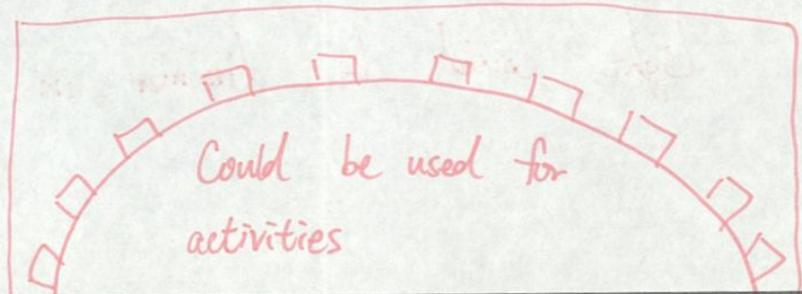
How would you redesign this space?



*Needs individual lights for each room*



*These are individual study rooms. Hopefully, there are sound-proof shields around them.*



*Could be used for activities*

*A couch would be great here*

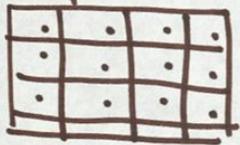
*And here!*

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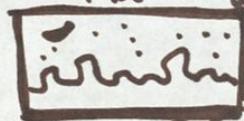
# Student Lounge

How would you redesign this space?

lockers to keep things (pls a lot of these)



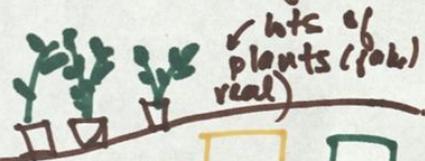
window-like TV screens that light up the place (show a diff. country every day/week)



(Snake path themed because tunnel, it should feel like its moving)

stretch areas + mats + floor tables, meditation spots

recreational reading spots



lots of plants

walkway

carpet or tiles

A white board / computer screen where students can enter their fav books & other students can find & read (think: the monitors at the entrance that show the availability of seats) (see back)

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# Student Lounge

## Comfort Cave



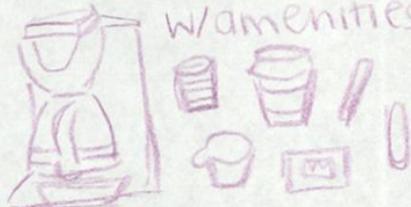
How would you redesign this space?

- leave it dark
- create a sleeping/resting room
- coffee stations

the library has plenty of seating/studying spaces. Instead, an area where students can sleep

Fairy lights - make the space majestic

coffee stations! w/ amenities



← the space can serve a new purpose instead of adding to existing study areas that already aren't full.

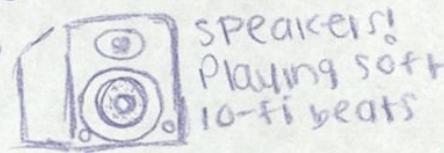
there aren't any eating areas left in the library w/ construction. Limit coffee/food to this area and pay a fee for instant coffee

TVS along the walls - a really relaxed, fun area Reading area

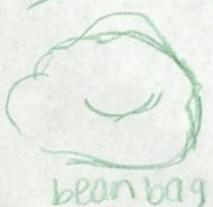
chairs??



Posters open w/ overnight hours



speakers! playing soft 10-fi beats

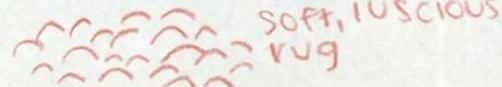


bean bag



cushes

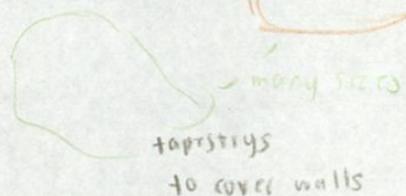
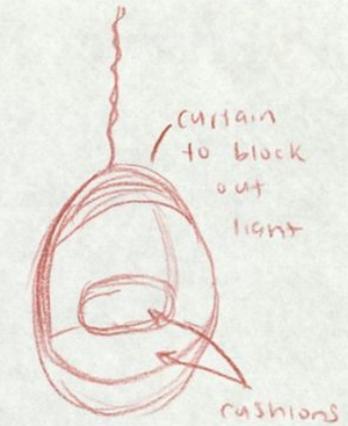
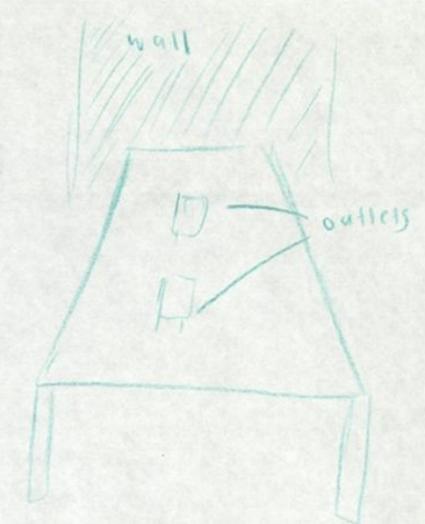
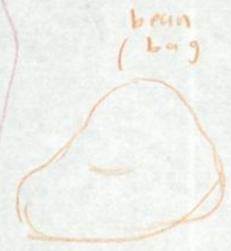
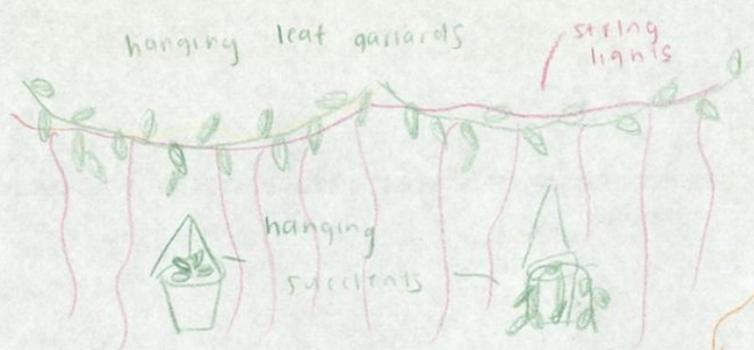
egg



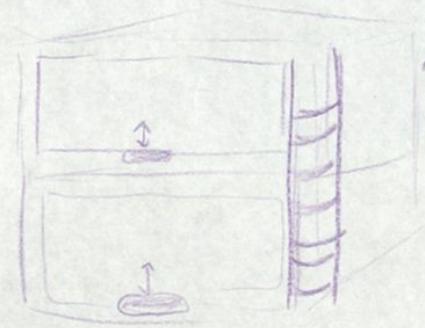
soft, luscious rug

COVID/quarantine kids require comfort. This would be like a nice room to unwind w/out leaving the library

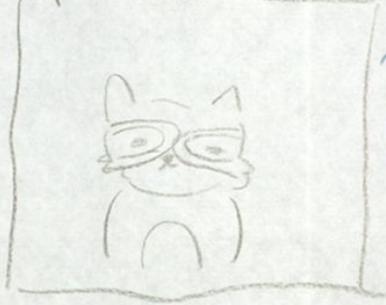
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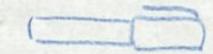
sleeping pod idea  
(inspired by capsule hotels)



school-themed patterns



or chalk wall/or white board  
(with chalk markers provides wet erase markers)  
(eases) less costly



cushioned back

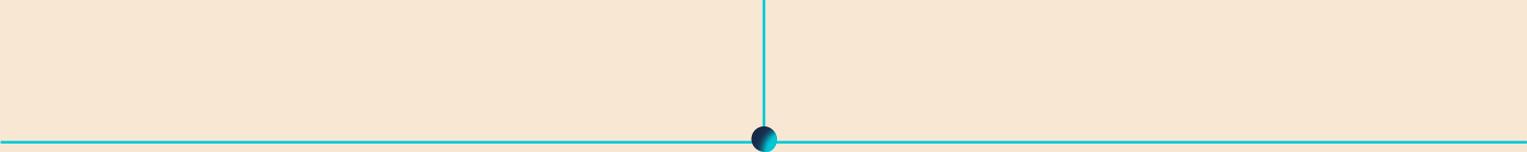
chair idea



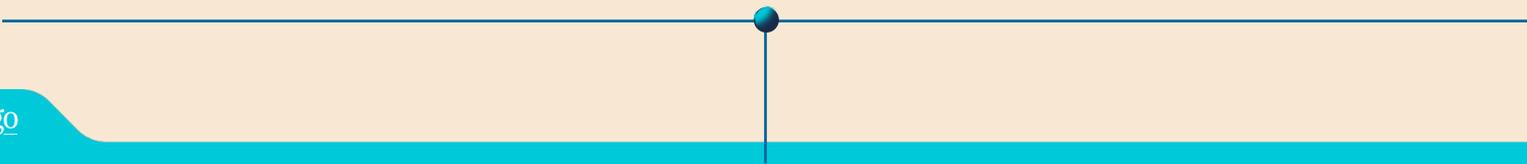
# Furniture Options

LSAC Feedback Gathering

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# Skittles Round 3



**I Like/  
I Wish/  
What If**



I like ...



I wish ...



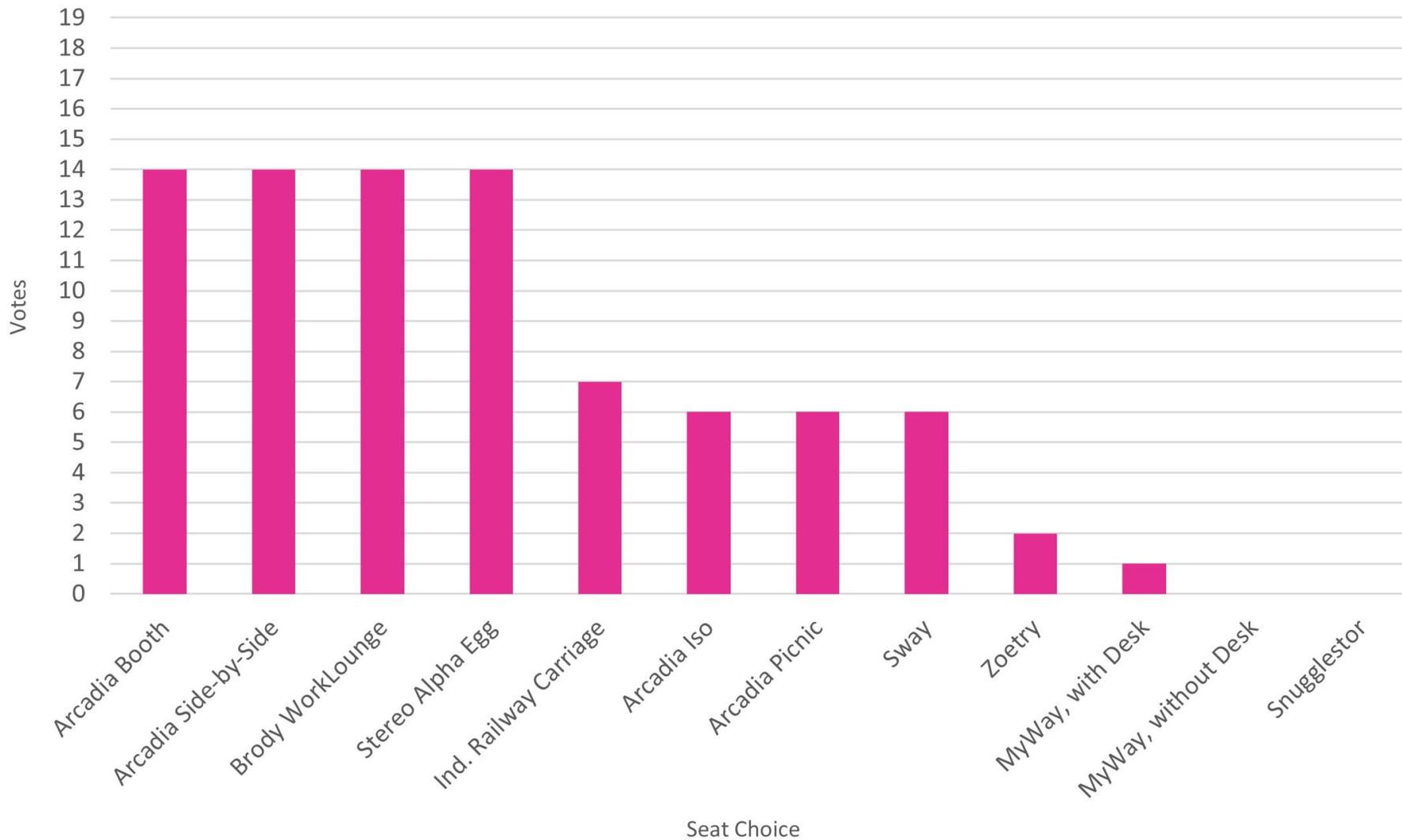
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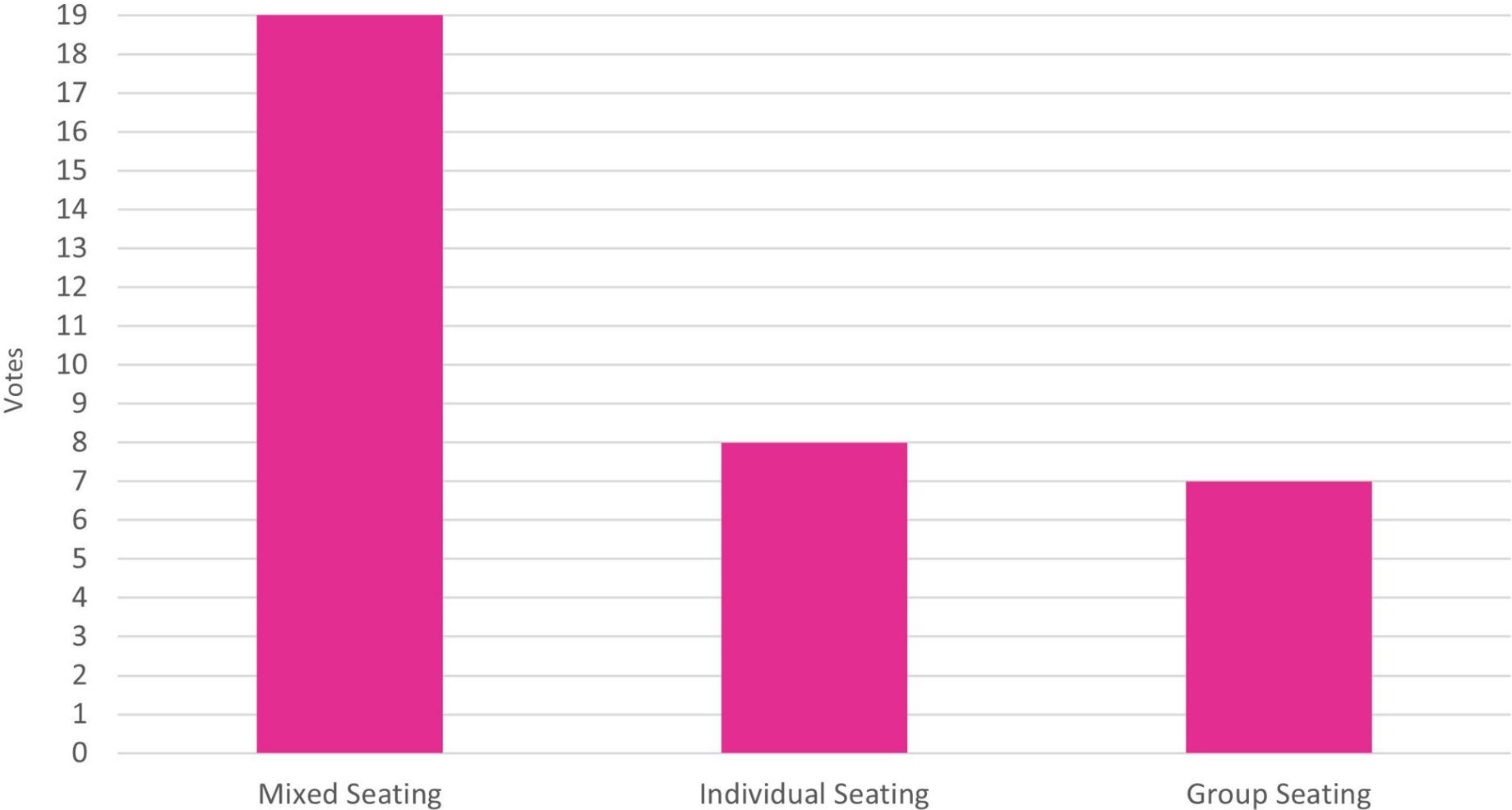
# Geisel Tunnel Refresh

Seating Options Survey Results, 19 Participants

# Seat Rankings



# Seating Arrangement



# ARCADIA BOOTH

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**1<sup>st</sup> (tie)**

**74% approval**



# ARCADIA SIDE-BY-SIDE

1<sup>st</sup> (tie)

74% approval



# BRODY WORKLOUNGE

1<sup>st</sup> (tie)

74% approval



# STEREO ALPHA EGG

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**1<sup>st</sup> (tie)**

**74% approval**



# IND. RAILWAY CARRIAGE

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2<sup>nd</sup>

37% approval



# ARCADIA ISO

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**3<sup>rd</sup> (tie)**

**32% approval**



# ARCADIA PICNIC

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**3<sup>rd</sup> (tie)**

**32% approval**



# SWAY

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**3<sup>rd</sup> (tie)**

**32% approval**



# ZOETRY

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4<sup>th</sup>

11% approval



# MYWAY, WITH DESK

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5<sup>th</sup>

5% approval



# MYWAY, WITHOUT DESK

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**6<sup>th</sup> (tie)**

**0% approval**



# SNUGGLESTOR

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6<sup>th</sup> (tie)

0% approval

