# Library Student Advisory Council Meeting Notes
## January 21, 2025; Geisel Library-Seuss Room

## Welcome

Dani Cook, Associate University Librarian for Learning and User Experience, welcomed all of the Library Student Advisory Council members to the third LSAC meeting of the 2024-2025 academic year. She also highlighted the upcoming events hosted by the Library.   She highlighted some future events including the UC Love Data Week from February 10-14.

## Academic Engagement and Learning Services/ Scholarship Tools and Methods

Sue McGuinness, Program Directed for Academic Engagement and Learning Services, and Heather Briston, Program Director for Scholarship Tools & Methods gave a presentation on the various academic services provided by the Library.
The duo gave the following discussion question:

- When you need to learn more about something, how do you use the library?

  - Go to the website first
    - If I need extra help, I'll go to service desk (can't find items)
  - Go to website first, if I can't find something I'll go to the service desk
  - Use Library Search and browse the shelves
  - Like UC Library Search- really enjoy interlibrary loan
  - Schedule appointments with subject specialists
  - Search topics on the UC library search
  - Use the floor/shelf guides so I can peruse the fields of my study
  - Get books from other UCs so that there is a large collection
  - I use UC library search
    - I've used the library lending program
    - Online content is extremely useful as a commuter
    - Keywords, author or titles are often how I search useful material
  - I will always typically google something first. If I think a book or library service will help me learn something, I will go to the library website and try to see if I can figure out the website myself
  - I check online first and then come into the library.  I'll do my own round first, if I'm studying finding a section, I go to the service desk
  - I come up with a more precise topic/search and statement type it into the library search bar
  - Go on the UCSD library website.  Type in a general term of what I need to know on either a database or find a physical book that is available
  - Library website
    - Finding online articles resources for papers.  The check boxes help to find peer-reviewed articles or studies
  - I primarily use databases like JSTOR to find essays that discuss topics I'm working on. I've never really met a librarian for help. I mainly use the library search to find essays/books that discuss similar topics.  It's also really easy to narrow my searches and filter other sources

- To be honest, I usually only use the library for a studying space.  Overall, I don't use the library a lot.  I think the fact that I am a first year puts this into perspective.  I have used UC Library Search a time or two for my CAT classes
- UC Library Search for a book online. I rent them online and then pick them up from the library. Super convenient!
- UC library search website- check boxes, narrow search
- Schedule an appointment with a subject specialist
- Research help: service desk, subject specialist
- Personally, I'm a visual learner so I prefer to watch videos or have someone one on one to do it hands on.  If I ever need to use the library to find books, I usually use the website link to find the book or see if it is available her or from another UC
- I use the library a lot for access to journals and online resources.  I also use the library online search function to find books and articles.  I also use the library's TLC for supplemental instruction.

- Thinking about your learning and research process (creating, searching, etc.), what are the most important library tools and services for you? Why?

  - I think filtering and finding keywords are a really helpful search tool. It narrows down a lot of searching and also shows you sources that cover similar topics that even reference sources you've used. I also find it helpful that you can find a physical copy because reading online feel like too much screen-time
  - Access to academic journals that are normally behind a paywall
  - Everything about the library website is incredibly useful
  - I'm a first year so, as of now, I don't think I've used many resources
  - Library search + ILL + request for hold shelf
  - Special Collections finding aids
  - Textual guides/tutorials would be extremely useful
  - Library software like strata/mapping
  - Library subject librarians
  - Digital versions/collections of resources
  - Web resources are a must
  - Having relevant resource librarians come to classes would be useful so we know who to approach for our subject area
  - Zoom calls would be useful, or a way to schedule a meeting
  - I love using the databases, specifically ebscohost, even just the generic library search helps me find exactly what I need
  - The online article database and its wide variety of subjects and focuses, especially on niche or specific topics
  - Printing services
  - UCSD library search
  - Study room, white boards and markets
  - Audrey's
  - Self-service pickup for books
  - Citation tools
  - Online search tool
  - Institutional access to journals and databases
  - Teaching + learning commons

- Getting help at service desk to find a book or order from SD Circuit or UC System

- When you use library services do you prefer to use the web resources? Have a librarian come to your class? Refer to textual guides/video tutorials? Interact with a person? In real-time? Asynchronous? In person or online? What does your choice depend on?

    - I prefer using e-resources if that doesn't help me, I prefer talking to a real person in real time. My choice depends on what I think will be most effective. For me personally I find in person or zoom (real time) helps the most. If money is involved, 100% in person (face to face or zoom). 24/7 chat, online video, other virtual for non-money relation questions/issues. 24/7 chat with a real person like communication for specific issues/clarity
    - I prefer web resources because it's very easy access and simple (most of the time) to navigate. However, when I'm in a completely new database I prefer working with a person who knows the database. I think it's easier in person because I'm very visual and a person can guide me in a real time to navigate a database
    - When I need to access library resources, I typically initially use library search first, so my first step is always searching for things remotely and on my own first. If I still get stumped, I will reach out in person or use the 24/7 live chat to receive an answer from a librarian
    - Web resources or interact with online/ in-person. I prefer ways to get assistance quickly and receive guidance tailored to my research questions
    - Online searching
    - Library lending
    - Service desk
    - Research help through a librarian
    - Data help
    - Yes, web resources for: tutorials, library search, software support, having virtual consultations mostly about: authorship, finding resource references, in person when in the library is useful
    - I prefer to use online resources
    - A librarian has never been to my class an di have never talked to one
    - Online web resources
    - Prefer in person/zoom meeting with librarians (in-person interaction for questions
    - prefer online search and digital publications
    - in my first quarter I had a literature librarian come into my class and informed us of all the resources at the UCSD library and it was extremely helpful. I've used the 24/7 chat when I've been in a time crunch on a project
    - I always use the web resources first and try to talk to a person either in person/online whatever is easier for me
    - When I use library services, I personally prefer to use web resources, in person interaction in real time so that I'm learning things in modern time
    - I definitely prefer to use web resources, or would love if a librarian could come to my class. It's a bit daunting to speak with a librarian in person

- What does your choice depend on?

    - My deciding factors on moving forward on my question are
        Can I access this online
        Can I do this by myself
        Who can I ask about this
    - Convenience/ease of access

- If I can't get an immediate answer, I would make an appointment and tell my librarian when I'm at and where I'm trying to get
- My choice usually depends on how much time I have, and if I can come to library in person
- Time/on campus availability
- Types of projects

- What if you can't get an immediate answer? Would you make an appointment for a consultation? What kinds of things would you consult with a librarian about?

    - If I have an immediate need, I would just look online personally to solve my issue. I would also keep my issue written down in case I need further information or if I'm totally stuck. This would be for cases like I'm studying something niche/new that doesn't have many sources and I need to find something similar or in some realm
    - I use AI to help explain concepts I may be a little "iffy" on and to tell me if my statements/theses make sense and get source recommendations… I prefer human librarians
    - If I was doing a research project I would make an appointment/consultation about where I can find books/texts on specific topics. If the situation was context based or individual to me, I would also make an appointment
    - For some problems such as in-the-moment research, no access to a librarian would mean I figure out another solution. I would make an appointment about long term/ important authorship queries or more software-based tasks which are specialized
    - If I can't get an immediate answer, usually I tend to de-stress myself for a little bit so that I can later on figure it out on my own. What I would consulta librarian for is tendentially helping me understand how to understand the way to find books or help
    - Most of my research questions need more immediate answers or aren't worth the effort to consult a librarian on a different day
    - Larger projects with an extended timeframe would make it more likely for me to make an appointment
    - Yes, I would probably ask about how to access certain resources or what materials might be useful for certain projects or papers
    - I would use the 24/7 chat. I've used it before and it really helped me with a couple simple questions I had. Or ultimately a quick google search
    - I think consultation would be most helpful for figuring out where to start and how to narrow down a research topic for an important paper. I would be most likely to contact a subject specialist librarian

- If not, why not?

    - Ask a peer that I know who has used their services
    - Try to find a FAQ questions page
    - Wouldn't make an appointment in general unless doing a project where I can't find work

- Optional Reflection for CCR: How are you using generative AI (for course assignments, research projects, personal projects)? What if your librarian was an AI?
    Email to LSAC@ucsd.edu

## Co-Curricular Record

The Library has reflected upon the ideas generated from the previous meeting about adding LSAC to the CCR.  Possible activities have been developed.  We still need input to make sure it is engaging, creative, productive and student-centered.  Members were asked for their feedback:
- Add to events: New Writing Series workshops, Tales from the Mothership, Map-a-thon
- Add various "weeks" event- OA Week, Data Week, GIS Week
- Add Triton Days outreach

# iClicker Recycling Program
The Library is looking for volunteers for an iClicker exchange program.

# Library News & Events

- LSAC movie night will be held on Tuesday, February 4th
- There is still an opportunity to submit an idea for our anniversary t-shirt design!
- Mark your calendar to attend a **DIY Friendship Bracelet Pop-Up** event on **Wednesday, February 12, 2025** from **11:30am-1pm** in front of Classroom 1 (Geisel Library, 2 East). In recognition of Valentine's Day, attendees will write a brief love letter or break-up letter to the library before making a friendship bracelet. Come alone, with friends, or with someone special.
- Enjoy a PopTart snack while you learn more about librarian roles and librarianship as a career at an event to be held from **5-6pm on Wednesday, February 19** in Geisel Library's Meeting Room (1 East). Hosted by the Mentoring Committee of the Librarians Association of the University of California, the event will feature several of UC San Diego's many librarians describing and answering questions about their exciting roles in the academic library. Watch for details about future events as well, where other librarians will share details about their roles.
- Need a break from studying? Visit Geisel's Classroom 1 from 2:30-4pm on **February 5th** to enjoy some calming time with a group of amazing **therapy dogs**.
- Join the Library and Recreation for **indoor yoga** on **Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m.** in the **Geisel Meeting Room** (1st Floor East). Offered weekly during Weeks 1-10 (except Feb 5th & March 12th), the classes are by registration only and free for students and for staff with a Recreation Pass. Please bring your own yoga mat and props.

The next LSAC meeting is **February 18, 2025** in the Suess Room of Geisel Library.