

Library Student Advisory Council Mission and Charge

Opportunity:

The Library is in a dynamic period of change. With other Campus partners, principally OIT, the Library is developing services, resources and physical spaces to have a positive impact on student learning, in step with changes in pedagogy. Undergraduates are the preponderant users of Library spaces. They, along with graduate students, must be engaged in a sustained dialogue with the Library to assist with the creation of superior learning environments. We believe an effective mechanism for engaging students in this dialogue is via a student advisory council.

The work of the Library and Partners Student Advisory Council complements the strategic vision of the Library and its partners-in-collaboration. The primary focus for this Council is to assist with the evolution and renovation of Library spaces to facilitate student learning and productivity, and to revitalize "Library as indispensable place" for student success. The Council also provides commentary and recommendations regarding other aspects of Library and partners' services and resources. The Council is imagined to be a permanent component of Library administration.

Characteristics of a Library & Partners Student Advisory Council:

The Council is comprised of 8 – 10 student members.

The composition and appointment of new student members is determined by the Council in consultation with Library administration. Each student member nominates his or her successor.

The Council is co-facilitated by Library and OIT administrators. Facilitators shape the group's agenda, provide resources, and communicate critical information between Council and Library / OIT administrations (and other critical partners). The facilitators assure that the work of the Council complements the mission and goals of the Library, and of its critical partners.

The Council's agenda complements the work of the Library administration and its partners to create outstanding learning spaces, services and resources.

The Council assists with capturing, evaluating and interpreting the feedback, opinions and wisdom of GT students regarding Library improvements.

The Council is committed to long-term, critical thinking about essential issues related to student learning outcomes.

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