Niagara College Libraries Student Advisory Team (NCLSAT)
Niagara-on-the-Lake Division
February 13, 2017 1:30-2:20 pm
MINUTES

Present:

Students: Melissa N. and Tom P.

Library Staff: Sam S., Cynthia K.

Agenda:

1. Introductions and refreshments: welcome new members
2. Discussion items:
   a. Learning Commons partners
   b. Exploratory: Digital Media Lab and Makerspace
   c. Your observations and ideas
3. Encouraging new members to join
4. Next meeting March 2017

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1. Introductions:

   Sam and Cynthia welcomed Melissa and Tom to the NCLSAT meeting. Both students are in Business Administration programs.

2. a) Learning Commons Partners:

   - Tom attended a writing skills session in the library and found it to be very helpful; students can benefit from taking advantage of the academic drop-in sessions.
• Melissa mentioned some concerns regarding peer tutoring. She indicated that some students could benefit from the assistance of a peer tutor but there aren’t matches for all courses. There are also issues when learners are matched with tutors from other sections; some tutors have different concepts of the material depending on the instructor; teaching styles differ.

2. b) Exploratory:

• Cynthia reminded students that the Exploratory Digital Media Makerspace is now open. Tom is interested in dropping by to see the space and everything that is being offered.

2.c) Observations and ideas:

• Melissa mentioned her concerns regarding laptops. Unfortunately, we do not have enough laptops to meet the demands of students; laptops are unavailable when students need them for use on campus.

• Melissa also had concerns regarding the price of textbooks and possibly having additional textbooks available in the library.

• Tom and Melissa prefer the library space for study; the new cafeteria/student commons space has too many distractions. The library is the way to go! Tom uses the silent study room; he thinks it’s a great option for individual study but sometimes it’s full. Melissa prefers using group study rooms but they always seem to be full, even when she tries to book in advance.

3. A brief discussion about the best way to encourage new members to join the library student advisory team took place. Melissa and Tom both agreed that students need incentives to participate in college activities. Students need to be reminded that ncLSAT can be added to their co-curricular record and looks good on a resume.

4. The next Student Advisory Team Meeting will be held in March 2017. Another poll will be conducted in order to find the time that works best for students.