GSA General Assembly Meeting  
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Report from the “Academics and Professional Development Committee”  

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1. Meetings since the Last Report  

- Our committee had two meetings since the last report to the general assembly:  
  - A meeting on November 9 to discuss the advisor section of the DPR and to continue our conversation with Dean Harper-Mangels about the DPR.  
  - A meeting as a graduate student focus group with the architects responsible for the renovation of the Sterling Memorial Library nave.  

2. Dissertation Progress Report (DPR)  

- We have concluded our committee’s discussion about the student and the advisor section of the DPR.  
- The committee drafts of the student and the advisor section have already been discussed with Dean Harper-Mangels.  
- Now, Dean Harper-Mangels will create the new DPR document according to our drafts and our conversations with him.  
- Dean Harper-Mangels still needs to discuss a few technical aspect with the Graduate School registrar.  

3. Library Committee Report  

- The GSA representative on the Advisory Committee for Library Policy for the 2010-11 school year, Justine Waldman, conducted a survey of graduate student use and needs regarding the library, but was unable to retrieve the results without funding. The library has funded that request, and library staff and this year’s ACLP GSA rep (Kevin Fogg) are reviewing the results.  
- The Sterling Memorial Library Nave will be renovated with a recent gift. To evaluate the plans, the Academic and Professional Development Committee of the GSA met with Associate Librarian Ken Crilly and representatives from Haldren Architects to discuss current plans for the usage of the SML Nave and graduate student desires for the future design.  
  - Broad agreement was reached for making as much of the services available 24-hours as possible, including computer, scanning and self-check-out, but less consensus was reached on how social the nave should become.
• If graduate students want to read about the current plans for the nave renovation, they can access the plans’ outline on the Academics and Professional Development Committee’s dropbox site, or contact Kevin Fogg. If they want to provide additional input on the plans, after reading the current outline, they can contact Associate Librarian Kendall Crilly.
• The library is evaluating its policy for reading rooms and special collections. Those interested in discussing the use of and assignment of reading rooms should contact the ACLP GSA rep, Kevin Fogg, to get more information or give input.
• Various branches of the library have also expressed an interest in meeting with graduate students about their needs, including Manuscripts and Archives and the Science Social Science Library. Again, those interested in getting information or giving input should contact the ACLP GSA rep, Kevin Fogg.

4. Getting Involved

• If you want to get involved, please contact the committee’s chair Oliver Bunn (oliver.bunn@yale.edu) or the committee’s secretary Marianne Wilson (Marianne.wilson@yale.edu).