LIT Committee Meeting
On the Learning Commons concept

2/26/16
We had a wide ranging discussion about what to include in a learning commons.

Study Space Equipment
White boards (mobile, white board walls, etc.)
Electricity
Internet/wi-fi
Flexibility
Power in the tables

Support/training
Workshops and training in computer skills (the example was PowerPoint)
Two-way video chat for computer support
Writing workshops in other academic buildings (especially MSB)
Possibly offer writing tutoring in other academic buildings

Physically connect the library to the university center, open more entrances so that students and faculty would go through rather than around the library.

Food & Drink
The law school has been very successful in providing microwaves and refrigerators in their learning commons area. They don’t complain of smell from that, although a staff member did quit over the smell of bacon.

Suggested improving coffee service as a way to attract students and connect them with support options. Specifically, they liked the idea of having a Keurig type coffee machine. We could either require students to bring their own K-cups or sell them at the desk or in the vending machine. There is also a vending Keurig option.

Suggested that we need to ask students when new services should be available.

The Law Library offers a “Master Monday” with drop in 10 minute presentation/workshops on topics such as formatting Word Documents for legal briefs or how to prepare a scrrencecast

Gerry offered to fund a pilot test of free coffee during finals week

I also provided an overview of what the library is already doing related to developing more learning commons services:

Learning Enhancement Center
moved peer educators to the library
increased training
added more focus on math and science tutoring
added group conversation times
increased test proctoring support (Disability Services Coordinator & library staff)

Computer help students
5 pm to midnight Sunday through Thursday
Still working on additional training

Circulation desk staff
Working on increased staff training

Disability Services Office
Moved to the library

Workshops
Poster development & printing
APA style
MLA style

Just added Adobe Creative Cloud