



ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
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STUDENT ADVISORY GROUP

2018-2019 REPORT



Accomplishments

- Recommended engineering/scientific **calculators** for circulation to **support student success** by providing needed resources. The Library responded by purchasing calculators for circulation beginning in summer 2019.
- SAG member Ramir Aguilos coordinated an extremely popular **electronic prototyping workshop to the IIT community** titled “Arduino for Beginners”.
- Recommended books for the Leisure Reading Collection in **improve the student life experience** by providing resources for leisure. The following books were purchased and added to a Student Advisory Group book display in April 2019 at the Circulation Desk:
 - *The Mad Art of Caricature* by Tom Richman
 - *The Headspace Guide to Meditation and Mindfulness* by Andy Puddicombe
 - *Shelter* by Carey Salerno
 - *Sold* by Patricia McCormick
 - *The Devil's Dictionary* by Ambrose Bierce
 - *Looking for Alaska* by John Green
 - *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson
- Contributed to the Library's **textbook survey** and served as a **focus group** in support of the Library's initiative to **reduce the burden of textbook costs on students**.
- Made recommendations for improving textbook reserves, finding aids, and library displays. The Library has discussed these issues and continues to consider changes in response to feedback.

Summary

The 2018–2019 Student Advisory Group (SAG) for Galvin Library was essential to the continued growth of services, collections, and spaces at the library. The group chose to meet more frequently in the spring of 2019, and had many notable accomplishments, including contributions to the Leisure Reading Collection and advocating for the purchase of engineering/scientific calculators.

Membership

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Parth Kaushik, Graduate, School of Applied Technology

Katherine Lydon, Undergraduate, Illinois Tech Armour College of Engineering

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Levin Rosete, Undergraduate, Illinois Tech Armour College of Engineering (Fall 2018 only)

Ethan Schreiber, Undergraduate, College of Science

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Meetings

- September 18, 2018
- October 23, 2018
- January 29, 2019 CANCELLED due to weather
- February 26, 2019
- March 26, 2019
- April 30, 2019

Future Directions

- Student-led agendas/meetings
- Review student feedback on the comment cards
- Establish measurable outcomes
- Further explore the issue of textbooks/textbook reserves
- Develop a system to communicate the work of SAG with the student body

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