

# Library Facilities Survey Fall 2009

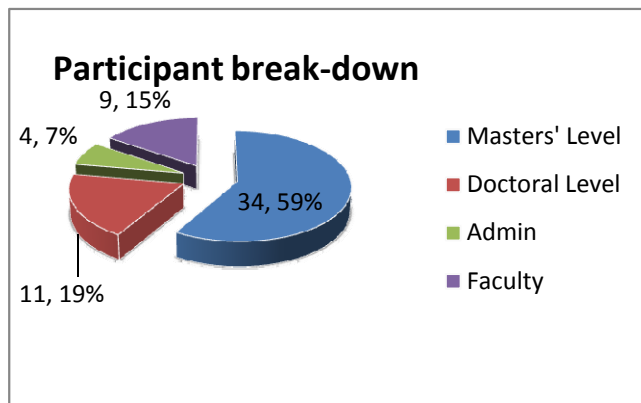
Participants were asked to assume no construction noise and that heating/air was already fixed.

Completed # of Surveys 58

Breakdown of surveys:

Seabury	5
GETS	3
Masters' Level	34
Doctoral Level	11
Admin	4
Faculty	9

One special student and one PhD student also checked multiple "identification" categories.  
26 resident 8 commuter  
7 were resident; 4 were commuter



Library Services Used

	Admin	Doctoral	Faculty	Master's	Totals	
Other	0	0	3	2	5	
Reading periodicals	0	2	3	2	7	Another Master's level noted, "Want to", but didn't check the box.
Meetings/Classes	1	2	1	8	12	
Laptop Checkout	1	3	0	8	12	
Group study, study with friends	1	0	1	14	16	
Checking e-mail; Library desktops, con	0	6	0	16	22	Masters: Working, Naps, Preaching research
Socializing/Visiting	1	2	1	18	22	
Help desk (reference, comptuters)	2	6	5	10	23	Faculty: Research in the stacks
Solitary Study	1	5	2	24	32	As an extension of my own library
Printing/copying	2	10	2	29	43	Scanning
Checking out books, Media, Reserves	3	11	9	29	52	

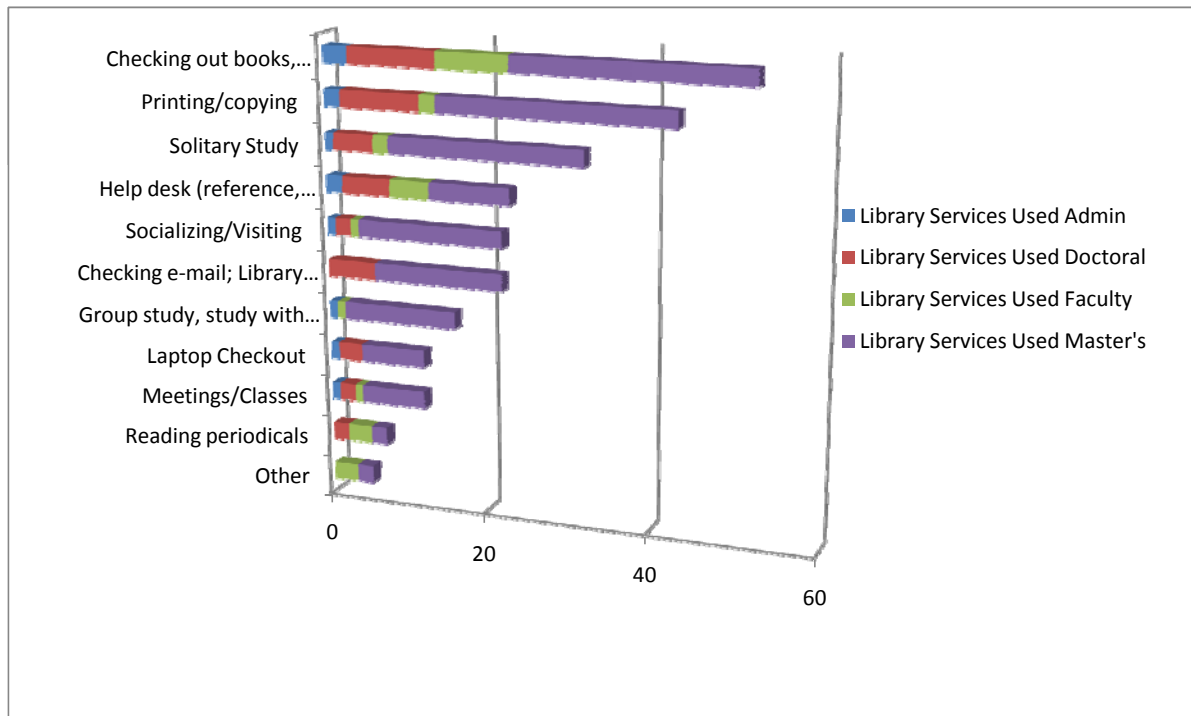
**Comments for "other"**

Masters: Working, Naps, Preaching research

Faculty: Research in the stacks

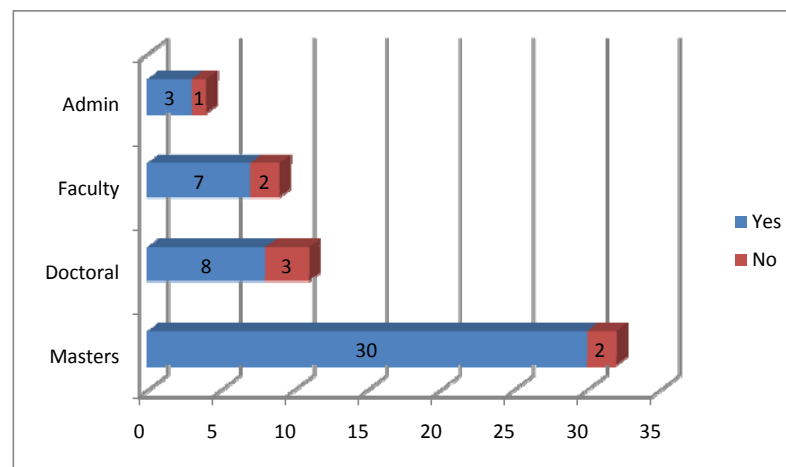
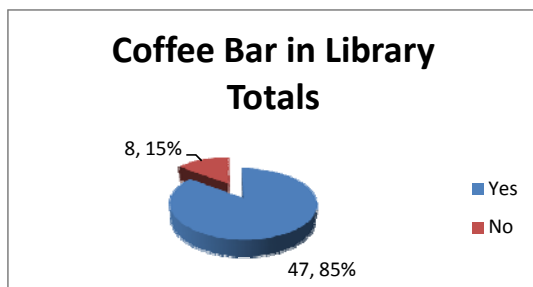
As an extension of my own library

Scanning



## Would you use a coffee bar/café in the library?

	Masters	Doctoral	Faculty	Admin	Totals
Yes	30	8	7	3	47
No	2	3	2	1	8



### Comments:

**Admin:** No. There is Free coffee in housing  
Good quality coffee, not like housing's!  
Take coffee out of housing office. Provide 1 free cup a day to everyone and we pay for subsequent cups.

**Faculty:** I don't think food/drink in a library is appropriate.  
Absolutely. We NEED one. \*Must be GOOD coffee.  
Go for it!!!

**Doctoral:** I wouldn't use it, however, if it was just cappucinos/etc. from a machine. If that were the case, I'd continue to go to Starbucks at Norris.  
In the library? We need less social space in the library.  
Please don't make this more of a social hang-out than it already is!  
Please, please. If it fostered conversation that would be great!

**Masters:** Would not have to be fancy. Drinks/coffee/snacks.  
No ice.  
Maybe. If it had food...yes, but rarely.  
Provide a place to keep personal cups.  
Make sure it is fair trade.  
It is noisy. There are too few very quiet/silent places @ Garrett  
Maybe. I do not shop there enough.  
If it was free like upstairs.  
Fair trade, shade grown.  
Fair trade coffee.  
Fair trade please--we also recall how important coffee houses were to the enlightenment...think what one could do for Garrett.  
If it was quality--fair trade a plus.  
It'd have to be VERY cheap and good to counter my kitchen or SBC  
That is a great idea!

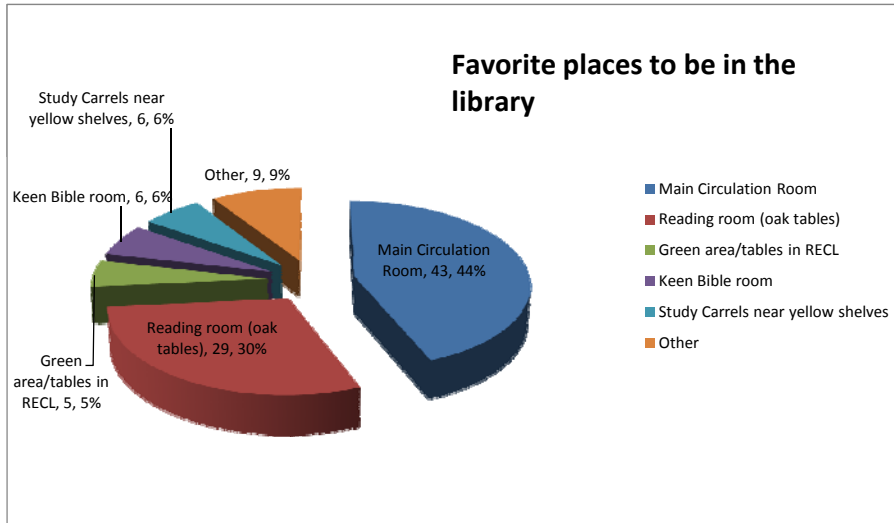
In the current set up of the library my favorite place to be is:

Masters	Doctoral	Admin	Faculty	Totals		Totals
28	5	1	4	38	Main Circulation Room	43
13	2	2	5	22	Reading room (oak tables)	29
5	0	0	0	5	Green area/tables in RECL	5
0	2	1	1	4	Keen Bible room	6
1	3	1	0	5	Study Carrels near yellow shelves	6
3	2	0	2	7	Other	9

Other spaces named: Stacks in general  
 I use the library to access the collection  
 The heart and hub of our intellectual life.  
 UM Room  
 Just the shelves of books

General Comments on current Spaces

Is it possible to contain socializing to a particular location? Can we protect more quiet space?  
 United Methodist Room  
 Table in the stacks  
 Next to the Mummy  
 Group study session in Annex  
 More Carrels are needed



Comment: I would like to spend more time in periodicals to study.  
 We need sofas  
 Great windows! Great atmosphere.  
 Shouldn't a library be quiet?  
 I don't like the reading room.  
 The reading room looks pretty but is not functional with the long reading table

Time and use habits of patrons

	Masters	Doctoral	Admin	Faculty
Use only when paper/assignment is due	8	2	0	2
Place to go to kill time between classes	4	0	0	0
Regularly study/do homework in library	14	2	1	0
I just use the restrooms	0	0	0	0
I go to the library when I'm bored/lonely	2	1	0	0
Am only in library for scheduled meetings/classes	0	0	1	0
I spend as much time there as possible because my apartment is too (crowded/cold/noisy...)	4	2	0	1
Library student worker tasks	3	1	0	0
Other	2	4	2	3

What I like most about the library is:

- Faculty: The books  
Helpful staff  
The difficulty of finding attractive solitary study space  
Its resources  
The collection (when it is there)  
Its non-use by students & faculty  
Staff & Holdings
- Admin: Always find what I need  
Library Staff
- Masters: computer available  
The large oak desks  
There are people here and no TV  
Visiting with people in the common area  
That I can both do homework and spend time with friends  
Convenient Location and helpful folk.  
I can find quiet space when I need it.  
A place to study and to see people  
People at the Desk are helpful/friendly  
Great resources  
Hidden corners for studying  
The design of tables and carrels and its continued improvements.  
The diversity of both communal space as well as quiet space.  
Its accessibility  
I get to study in the presence of others.  
The social atmosphere  
The quiet of the Methodist Room when it is empty.  
Common space.
- Doctoral It is comfortable place to study  
A place providing study sources  
It always has the books that I need; online resources HUGELY helpful.  
There are quiet places.  
Books  
(Place to) contact colleagues.  
The number of theological texts available.  
Cheeriness of the student staff

What I like least about the library is:

- Faculty: lack of space  
Would be good to have ILL requests (etc) as  
On both sides of the street, Happy it is on o
- Admin low lights in basement  
carpeting and ugliness of the downstairs h
- Masters paying for copies, especially when concernin  
Too much socializing  
Not handicapped accessible  
Books not being shelved in proper places  
The current construction noise.  
Not having a place to study w/o people find  
Not open til 3AM, even during finals.  
The décor  
Seating options are limited.  
Lack of electrical outlets. I've allowed othe  
At times it is too cold and too loud.  
The new furniture NO! *(This is as was w*  
Too much noise.  
The musty smell & some of the darkness (w  
The bathrooms.  
Noisy. That library has less books than oth  
Too small an area with comfortable chairs f  
The shorter hours on the weekends.  
The computers and internet connection are  
Uncomfortable furniture.  
Sometimes the noise is really bad.  
Not a lot of "quiet" places that are comfy.  
Getting the copiers to work.  
Library is outdated.
- Doctoral Too small.  
hard chairs  
It is too easy for people to steal books.  
People using their cell phones  
There aren't tons of quiet, secluded study e  
~~There isn't a good place to study on~~  
campus and the library should be it. Even  
the "quiet" spaces are not protected quiet  
The fact that it's a loud social space.  
It is a bit tight on space.

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Not disaggregated by Patron Type

Background noise

- I prefer to study in silence
- I prefer to study while listening to music
- I prefer some background noise (TV/Conversation)

Totals

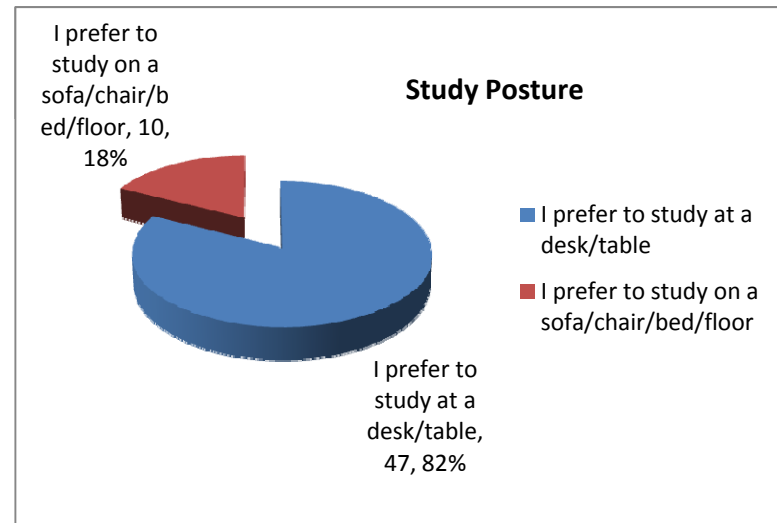
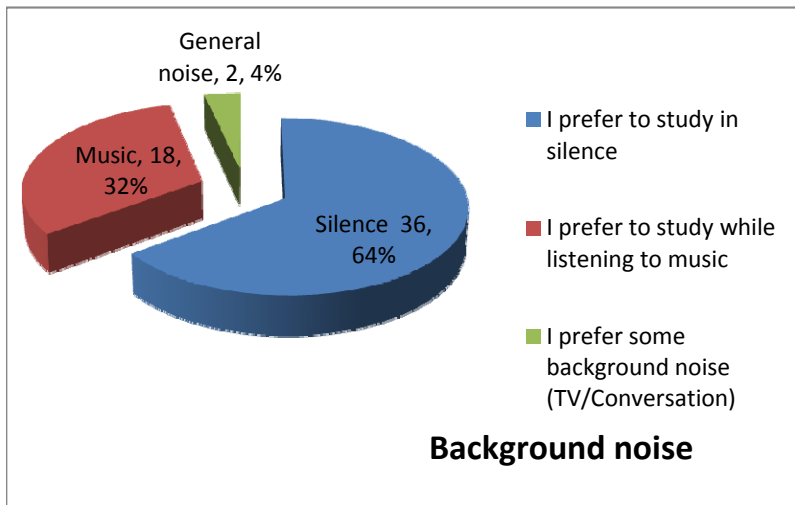
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Physical Posture

- I prefer to study at a desk/table
- I prefer to study on a sofa/chair/bed/floor

Totals

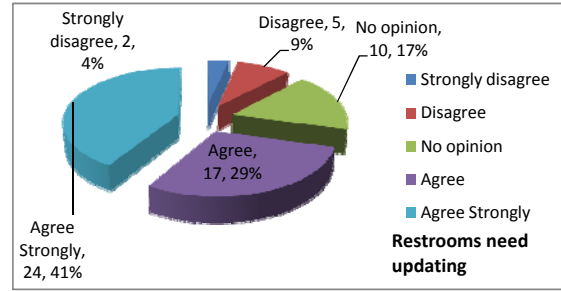
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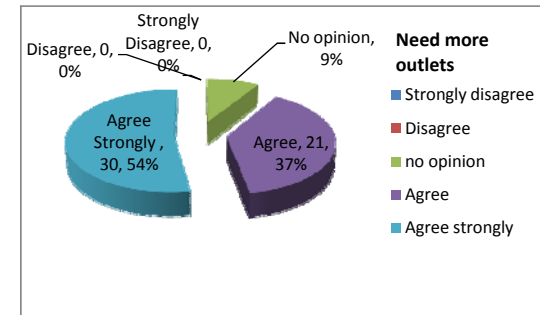
**The current library restrooms should be updated/remodeled**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	No opinion	Agree	Agree Strongly
Totals:	2	5	10	17	24



**In the case of a PhD Study Suite, it must be located in the library**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	No opinion	Agree	Agree Strongly
Totals:	2	4	23	15	10

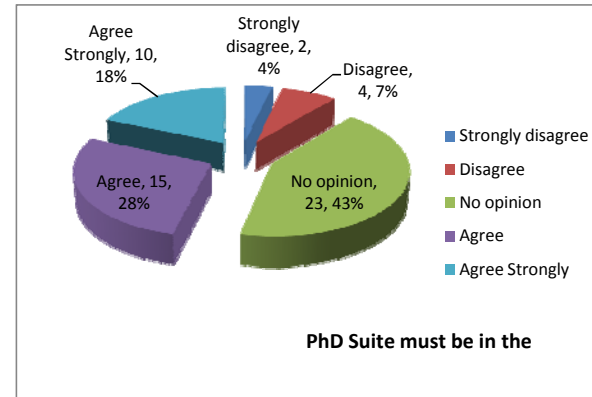
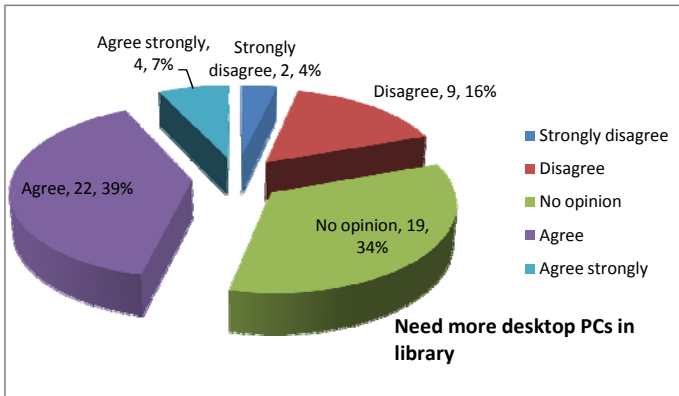


**The library needs more outlets for laptops**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	no opinion	Agree	Agree strongly
Totals:	0	0	5	22	30

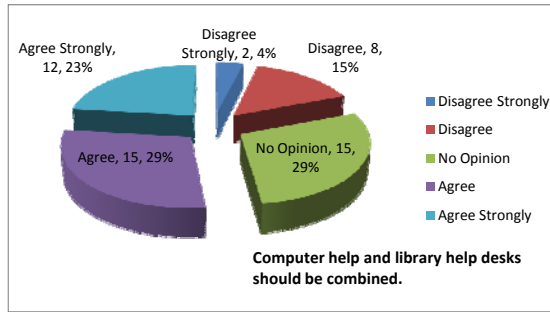
**The library needs more desktop computers**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	No opinion	Agree	Agree strongly
Totals:	2	9	19	22	4



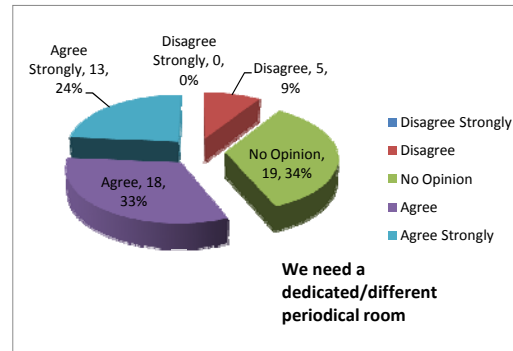
**There should be a combined library help and computer services help desk**

	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Agree Strongly
Totals:	2	8	15	15	12



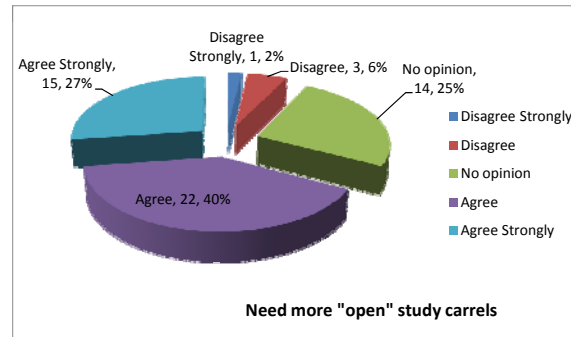
**The library needs a dedicated periodical/current religion magazine room rather than the present location of magazines.**

	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Agree Strongly
Totals:	0	5	19	18	13



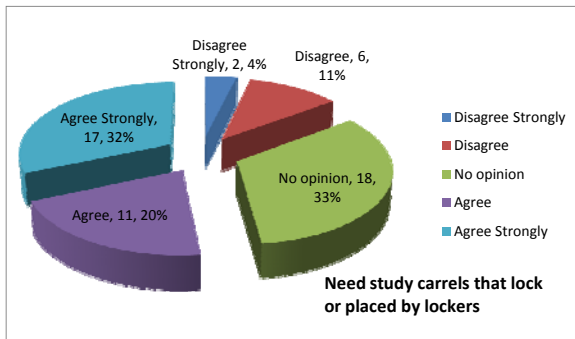
**The library needs more "open" study carrels (first come/first served, not assigned)**

	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	No opinion	Agree	Agree Strongly
Totals:	1	3	14	22	15



**The library needs study carrels that lock (have doors) or are near lockers and are assigned.**

	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	No opinion	Agree	Agree Strongly
Totals:	2	6	18	11	17



## Forced Ranking of Priority for Study Carrel Assignments

	1st Priority	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Adjunct/Affiliate Faculty without offices	16	4	7	2	5	2	0	1	2	1	0	0
PhD students in residency	14	16	5	1	1	2	3	1	1	0	0	0
Full time commuter master's level students	6	6	4	11	6	4	2	3	0	0	0	0
Spouses of community members	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	13	2	7
Emeritus/retired faculty without offices.	0	2	6	4	2	3	2	5	4	5	2	1
Visiting Scholars from abroad here for 1-2 week research projects with our special collections	2	1	4	10	7	4	6	2	2	2	0	1
PhD students no longer taking courses, but living locally during writing stage	2	9	8	6	6	8	1	1	1	1	0	1
Full time master's level students with children at home	4	5	6	3	8	7	4	3	1	0	0	0
Master's level students without disruptions at home	1	1	3	5	3	4	5	5	3	3	1	0
Students on campus for short intensive classes (D.Min, Course of Study)	0	1	1	1	2	6	9	4	3	6	1	1
Part time Master's level students	0	0	1	2	2	5	3	7	6	2	2	0
Research students at other ACTS schools	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	7	7	4	2

## RESULTS

	PRIMARY	pt value	(highest # of votes in each priority that wasn't already in a prior rank)
Adjunct/Affiliate Faculty w/o offices	1st	12	
PhD Students in Residency	2nd	11	
PhD students in writing up, but living locally	3rd	10	
Full time commuter master's students	4th	9	
Full time master's with children at home	5th	8	
Students here for short intensives (D Mins / Course of Study)	6th	7	
Visiting Scholars for 1-2 week special projects	7th	6	
Part time Master's Students	8th	5	
Research Students at other ACTS schools	9th	4	
Spouses of Community Members	10th	3	
Emeritus Faculty Members	11th	2	
Masters students without disruptions at home	12th	1	

	SECONDARY	(2nd highest # of votes in each priority that wasn't already in a prior rank)
PhD Students in Residency	1st	12
PhD students writing up, but local	2nd	11
Adjunct/affiliate Faculty w/o offices	3rd	10
Visiting Scholars here for 1-2 week special projects	4th	9
Full time commuter masters students	5th	8
Full time master's with children at home	6th	7
Students here for short intensives (D Min / Course of Study)	7th	6
Emeritus Faculty	8th	5 tie
Master's level students w/o disruptions	8th	5 tie
Part time Master's students	9th	4
Research students at ACTS schools	10th	3
Spouses of Community Members	11th	2

## Ranking based on points earned for primary and secondary ranking

PhD Students in Residency	1st	23
PhD students local but writing up	2nd	22 Tie
Adjunct/affiliate faculty w/o offices	2nd	22 Tie
Full time commuter master's students	3rd	17
Full time master's with children at home	4th	16
Visiting Scholars for short time special projects	5th	15
Students here for short intensives (D Min/Course of Study)	6th	13
Part time Master's students	7th	9
Research Students at other ACTS schools	8th	7 tie
Emeritus Faculty members	8th	7 tie
Master's students without disruptions at home	9th	6
Spouses of community members	10th	5

## Other comments:

A separate PhD Study suite would be nice, but not necessarily at the expense of other study space.  
Fixing the heating "would also allow contro/repair of the heating in the chapel!"  
Computer/laptop reappear at the circulation desk is not a library function.  
Adjunct Faculty and Emeritus Faculty should have faculty space somewhere else (other than the library)  
Restrooms need to be handicapped accessible.  
MTS students in writing phase should have 1st priority for study carrels along with PhD students in residency  
Thank you so much for seeking student input and for all the wonderful changes so far.  
A coffee shop is more important than re-modeling the restrooms.  
Providing an opportunity fo community (spontaneous and/or planned) meetings and conversation would be great.  
(Regarding emeritus) -- They're retired for a reason! If they want their own space here, they shouldn't have retired! (Simley face was drawn)  
(Regarding visitors) == Maybe have one or two carrels available for scholars; otherwise leave them 1st come/1st served.  
(Regarding ACTS) == They can use carrels at their own school! Would I really spend enough time at, say, Loyola to justify having a carrel there?  
(From a PhD Student) -- The location of the PhD suite doesn't matter.  
Outlets for computers must have surge protectors  
Library staff has done a great job updating and organizing the library.  
Need locking carrels if theft is a problem.  
Only about 50% of desk top computers work properly currently  
RECL is a good study group area  
I like being able to check out laptops and media.  
I like how easy it is to order/request a movie.  
I wish it was easier to get help with research  
Carrels make me feel claustrophobic.  
I go to the library to do homework & socialize  
Add more restrooms.  
The restrooms are kinda creepy but it's a livable situation.  
A combined computer help/library desk is a great idea.  
The Seabury chairs don't work well. I need soemthign strightter when working on my laptop or even reading.  
There are few options for commuter students who wish to study before 8AM classes or when trying to beat traffic. It would be helpful if the libr  
The seminary should find offices for all adjunct faculty.  
I hope there is a quiet room.  
You all are doing a great job!  
Holy cow! (*Added to emphasize need for outlets*)  
Need: More table space, comfier chairs at round tables. The chairs by the copiers squeak!

I don't think so.

Library was open at 7AM