

CAS Library Committee Report

Fall 2019

Chair: Dr. Regina Hewitt (English)

Committee Members:

Dr. Golfo Alexopoulos (Interdisciplinary Global Studies and Institute on Russia), Dr. Jennifer Friedman (Sociology), Dr. Eleni Manolaraki (World Languages), Dr. Kenneth Malmberg (Psychology)

CAS Library Committee members began working by email to prepare for an initial on-campus meeting. It has been and continues to be the Committee's practice to work by email and hold only a few on-campus meetings. An on-campus meeting was held on Oct. 7, 2019, at which Regina Hewitt was elected Chair. The Committee immediately addressed the most pressing matter at hand—the loss of funding for a full subscription to the Kanopy video streaming database. The Committee's response to the matter is reported under a separate heading below.

The Committee also discussed other matters of funding and acquisitions as well as support for the Library's application for membership in the Association of Research Libraries (ARL). These matters are carry-overs from last year, and the Committee agreed to delay pursuing them so as to prioritize the Kanopy problem. The Committee will resume work on the other matters in the Spring of 2020.

Kanopy Subscription

Because the loss of the full Kanopy subscription negatively impacted the classes of many faculty members throughout CAS, the Committee prioritized efforts to call attention to the need for the subscription and to request that funds be found, despite the high cost. The Committee ascertained that the full subscription costs \$118,000.00 per year.

Committee members collected the virtual signatures of 65 members of eight departments in CAS (plus three from the School of the Arts) on a petition making this request. The petition was sent to Dean of the Libraries Todd Chavez, and Dean Chavez indicated that he would use the document to support funding requests.

Historic Newspaper Databases

The next priority on the Committee's list is to follow up on requests (initiated during the Spring of 2019) for acquisition of an historic newspaper database, including African American, Hispanic American and Caribbean newspapers, that would facilitate diverse research projects in several Departments throughout the College. The Committee will continue to coordinate with the Dean of the Libraries and with members of Departments who have expressed interest in using this database to provide supporting information for funding requests.

Association of Research Libraries Membership

The Committee will continue to correspond with Dean Chavez about how we can support the Library as it is in the process of applying for this important membership. One way is for CAS Committee members to work more closely with the Library Council, which is more directly

involved with that effort. CAS Library Committee members have been invited to participate in Council meetings.