

Academic Senate Academic Policy and Planning Committee (AP&P): Library Subcommittee

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Date: September 24, 2025 Time: 3:00 - 3:40 PM PDT

Location: Library Room 0102

Members Present: Kelly Carrasco (CSM), Xikai Chen (CSB), Travis Cronin (CHHS), Hayssam El-Razouk (LCOE), Mendez, Alina (COSS), Shuyi Liu (Library), Dolly Lopez (Library), Jacob Wenger (JCAST), Varaxy Yi Borrromeo (KSOEHD), David Zakarian (CAH), Janet Crum (Dean of Library Services - ex officio)

Members Excused: Maris Prado (Student Representative), Vikranth Singh (Student Representative)

Welcome and Introductions, approval of agenda (Cronin)

Cronin called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Welcome to Dr. Zaarian (CAH) as the newest faculty representative. We now have two student representatives although neither of them were able to attend this meeting. We are hopeful both student representatives will make it for our next meeting.

Library Updates

- The library has implemented the proposal to restrict library access to Fresno State affiliates between 8-11PM. This seems to be going smoothly, and a grand majority of students have their student ID cards. Grace has been given to students at the beginning of the Fall 2025 semester as students are acclimating to this new protocol. Stricter adherence will be implemented on October 1. Members of the committee were invited to bring any student complaints about access to the library to this committee so we can plan to address any challenges that this new process may be causing for students.
- The library is considering a request to keep the library open 24 hours a day during finals week. This creates staffing challenges, but the library is currently assessing if this request can reasonably be accommodated.
- The Wall Street Journal access has launched and less than 1,000 students have registered for accounts. Committee members were encouraged to share information about their free access to the Wall Street Journal. Fresno State has a 2-year window to get 20% of students to register for an account to keep this free access for students.
- The library is working with Facilities and the Learning Center to create a learning

commons space on the lower level at the bottom of the stairs. Facilities has drafted a design. Once it is finalized and cost estimates are received, fundraising will begin.

- The library has scheduled an open house for October 15 from 1:00-3:00 PM in the Ellipse Gallery. Members of the committee are asked to share this information with their colleges and encourage their students to attend.

Library Updates on Items From Last Meeting (Crum)

- It is not feasible to increase access for faculty in the library without reducing space for students. The CFE space has rooms faculty can reserve, and the faculty lounge is available for faculty to use. See <https://academics.fresnostate.edu/ideas/about/spaces.html> for more information or contact Diahann Gutierrez.
- Students who sign up for a Wall Street Journal account can opt out of email notifications if they wish.
- During the last meeting, a committee member said they were not receiving timely notice of time-sensitive library announcements (e.g., the deadline to request Kanopy videos for courses). In response, the library has arranged for the Provost to send a message to faculty at the beginning of each semester that will include time-sensitive library updates.

College Round Robin (All)

- Varaxy Yi Borromeo inquired about a search for the vacant KSOEHD librarian, and thanked the librarians who have been very helpful during the vacancy. Dean Crum indicated that the search would be forthcoming in the near future, and the search details would be shared with this subcommittee.
- Jacob Wenger shared that a new Enology Business major was launched within JCAST, and there have been some infrastructure improvements to the farm.
- [Travis Cronin](#) shared that Fresno State now has two mobile health units staffed by CHHS faculty and students to extend health care to outlying communities surrounding Fresno.

Open discussion - members share questions, concerns, information, feedback for the library (Cronin)

- Kelly Carrasco asked if the library has guidance for students regarding uploading journal articles to AI engines. Answer: not yet.
- Alina Mendez shared that new accessibility requirements are going into effect in February. Faculty will not be able to upload PDFs to Canvas, so they will have to rely on library links, which can be problematic when concurrent use is limited. Crum and Lopez shared some information about how ebooks are sold and indicated that electronic access for libraries often isn't available for textbooks or is limited to 1-3 concurrent users.

Remaining items from the Spring 2025 meeting that I could not recall the updated information:

- One faculty member received an email from his chair about the deadline for requesting library materials - 2 days before the deadline. Suggested using this committee to help push this information out. Dean Crum will follow up to determine when these emails are sent, and to whom.
- E-reserves works very smoothly, but faculty need to supply the same information each semester for the same material. Dean Crum will investigate.

Wrap-up and adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40PM.

Next meeting

Nov 12, 2025 3-4PM

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