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Subject: Request for 2021-22 ASI Funding – University Library

One of the library's values is to place our student's academic success, career-readiness and well-being at the center of everything we do. One way we do this to connect our students to knowledge, provide learner-centered spaces and through the delivery of innovative and responsible library and information services.

For many years, the University has provided access to course materials (textbooks, audio/video recordings, journal articles, and other course-related resources) through the library's course reserve service. Unfortunately, since March 2020, we have been unable to provide this service due to the Pandemic and the physical closing of the University Library. We are planning for the reopening of the library for Fall 2021. Unfortunately, we will still be unable to provide access to physical textbooks since returned library materials will need to be quarantined for several days before we can check them out again. Thus, we will be unable to circulate short-term loan materials (i.e. course reserves). However, the library has expanded its e-textbook collection and has also implemented Leganto, a Canvas Reading List Tool, that makes it easier for faculty to include library licensed resources and other low-cost/no-cost resources into their Canvas Courses.

Funding to increase access to e-textbooks and license Leganto is partially funded through a 2020-21 CSU Chancellor's Office Affordable Learning Solutions (AL\$) grant of \$15,000.

The annual cost of Leganto is \$23,500 and the annual cost of licensing e-textbooks is at least \$50,000 and can be as high as \$1M to provide access to all e-textbooks for all Cal State LA students. I will work with ASI, the Bookstore and Academic Affairs to determine the courses and e-textbooks that will benefit the greatest number of students. The University Library would also work with ASI to increase awareness of the expanded access to course e-textbooks as well as indicate which courses and e-textbooks were licensed through the generous funding provided by ASI.

To provide access to additional e-textbooks I am requesting funding from ASI to help cover the e-textbook licensing costs. I don't have a specific funding request amount, as any additional funding would enable the University Library to provide access to additional e-textbooks to Cal State LA Students. **However, an annual amount between \$2,500 - \$5,000 would provide access to e-textbooks to several hundred students.**

Thank you for your consideration!