

Notes –Strategic Plan LIBRARY/IT Workgroup – March 10, 2006

Present: Cecil Murphy (co-chair), Nichole Fluhr, Cindy Schofield-Bodt, John Young, Colleen Yacono, Nancy Bobrek, Mark Waters, Richard Riccardi (co-chair)

Group discussed the following suggested items from Powerpoint presentation made by consultant:

- What must Southern do to address the ever-increasing need for consistent, accurate, reliable, and useful information/data/analysis?
- What is the status of the university's IT/telecommunications capabilities?
- What mechanisms should the university have in place for faculty, staff, and students to keep abreast of technological innovations and to maintain competence?
- How can technology be utilized more effectively for research, learning, and decision-making?

The group added the words “and the administrative processes that affect these” to the last bullet above. Topics that arose from the discussion included the balance of traditional/online resources in the library, development of standards, data warehousing, training, communication, skill development, literacy, and access to data (internal vs. external). The group agreed that the library issues are clearly different than the university issues, even though technology is a constant throughout.

The group proposed the following strategic goals, which will be discussed at the next meeting:

- Ensure every classroom has a minimum level of technology capabilities: document camera, projector, and network connection.
- Develop a technology skill set (i.e. common set of skills) and train all faculty and staff in these tools.
- Develop a common set of data elements to be stored in a data warehouse.
- Establish a minimum level of library resources for all types of collections to meet the curricular needs of the university.