

Notes –Strategic Plan LIBRARY/IT Workgroup – March 29, 2006

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Group discussed the two main strategies from the Academic Strategic Plan, and decided to recommend them to the Strategic Plan Committee with slight changes:

- Enhance and support library facilities, services, and collections serving all populations of the university.
- Encourage the innovative and flexible use of technology to enhance teaching, learning, research, and administration.

It is noted that how we “encourage” this use is something that will need to be addressed, as the group discussed alternative language such as “promote” or “reward.” Some possible suggestions include incentives, compensation, or a faculty mentoring program that brings together technology-savvy faculty with those just starting out.

The group then discussed the bullets from the previous meeting while also bringing new ideas to the table. The bullets are the strategic initiatives, while the italicized text below the bullets are ideas/thoughts that came up in the discussion of those bullets along with how they relate to the previous meeting’s discussion:

- Develop formal partnerships (such as public projects) between information technology, library, faculty and students.
- Establish a university-wide advisory committee for information technology that encompasses all constituents of the university.

(information audit, group to look at “big picture” of IT on-campus, creation of technology workgroups, develop technology skill set)

- Use technology to promote responsible use of time and resources.

(blended and distance education, flex-time, telecommuting, self-service options, on-line research)

- Development of decisions support systems that enable the delivery of current accessible, and customizable data/information to the end user.

(allows people to make intelligent business decisions, data warehousing, logical data structures, common set of data elements, logical web site design)