

Auburn University Libraries Strategic Planning Initiative “Defining our Future”

The Process –

- Departmental White Papers – The future in Micro
 - August 2006 through September 2006
 - Each department performs an environmental scan and responds for the opportunities and challenges ahead.
- Stakeholders Summit – The External View
 - September 29th, 2006
 - 28 members of AU Faculty and Staff provide input in a two hour “speed dating” forum.
 - Four tables were set up in the Newspaper reading room with each table having a specific topic for discussion. The topics were:
 - Technology
 - Services
 - Collection/Material
 - Building/Physical Space
 - Participants were split among the four tables then rotated to another table every 20 minutes.
- Library Wide Planning Summits – Looking at the future from inside out.
 - Three sessions are planned to allow full faculty and staff participation. The sessions are planned for:
 - Friday, 27 Oct from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm
 - Tuesday, 7 Nov from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
 - Monday, 13 Nov from 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
 - The format and topics will be the same, but each “table” will be in a different room.
- I am a Camera – A Student’s Perspective in Pictures
 - Early November
 - Random students will be given a disposable camera and ask to take pictures of various aspects of their study habits.
 - This project is in the planning phase. More will be posted as plans progress.
- Draw your Library – Students are asked to draw their perfect library.
 - Mid November.
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- Push Pin Map – Where Were You Today
 - Mid November
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- Collate all the data from the above events
- Identify Major Themes
- Draft a plan to meet the major themes identified above
- Request Feedback
- Adjust the plan
- Go for it!