

Progress Report for ACS Information Fluency Project Grant 2001

**Integrating information fluency standards into the curriculum
Birmingham-Southern College**

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RE: Activities Report, Forum on Integrating Information Fluency into the Curriculum

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The committee which put together the grant proposal met several times in August and September to plan for the forum on information fluency. The forum was scheduled for two sequential Friday afternoons in October (the 5th and the 12th). One of the committee members attended an Academic Council meeting in early September, to get the support and input of the division chairs and the provost. Invitations were then sent to division chairs and discipline coordinators, as well as to librarians and Academic Computing staff. A reminder was also sent to participants before each session. Response from faculty and staff was positive: 34 individuals from 17 different disciplines (as well as from Academic Computing and the Library) attended the forum. A dozen students were also invited to attend, but only one actually did so; this appeared to be due mainly to scheduling conflicts.

The results of the forum are presently being discussed and written up, and will be submitted to the ACS in a forthcoming report. Due to a shift in format (from a full-day workshop with a meal included, to two afternoons with no meal), and also to a low level of student participation, over \$1000 of grant money remains available. The committee has requested permission from the ACS to use this money for follow-up activities by selected faculty and staff.