

Report on the “Assessing Student Awareness of Core Library Resources” Information Fluency Project

The “Assessing Student Awareness of Core Library Resources” is a joint project between the University of Richmond and Washington and Lee University. Its purpose is to assess student knowledge of basic library resources and the learn about their information-seeking behaviors.

Project planning began in earnest in May. On May 29 a delegation from the University of Richmond traveled to Washington and Lee for the day to work with their W&L counterparts to develop a draft of the survey that will be administered to students at both institutions this fall. We have been fortunate throughout the planning stages to have the counsel of Dr. Linda Hooks, Associate Professor of Economics in the Williams School of Commerce at W&L. Dr. Hooks has shared her expertise in survey research and survey design.

As of the end of July 2002, a draft of the questionnaire is ready for testing on a small population of students at each university. After those tests are completed in August and the results are analyzed, the project team of librarians at the two institutions will refine the questionnaire before it is administered to the students bodies at large. At that time the team will analyze results and report the results to ACS.

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