FROM THE DEAN’S DESK: COM 2012

Florida Institute of Technology's information literacy course has been taught since the 1980s but continues to grow and evolve to meet the demands of undergraduate students who - more and more - need to find, evaluate, and use high-quality information. With three sections currently being taught by faculty librarians Rose Petralia and Kathy Turner, COM 2012 (Research Sources and Systems) is a required one-credit course for 14 majors and 3 minors.

Over the last five years, enrollment has almost tripled. Why? Well, mainly I think it is due to three factors - 1) Many Florida Tech faculty from across the five colleges recognize the need for student skills and competencies, especially in the context of university accreditation and competition for graduate school admission and employment. 2) COM 2012 instructors are told that the course is enjoyable. A variety of guest lecturers bring their rich expertise and active-learning lessons to the course. 3) Students who are so equipped save TIME and effort on the road to discovering impressive, useful scholarly resources. Often they even enlighten their fellow classmates to their efficient, effective ways.

MARCH HOURS
Regular semester hours are:
- Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – midnight
- Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – midnight

Spring break hours are:
- Monday, 3/7 – Friday, 3/11: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Saturdays & Sundays: CLOSED

The Library’s Nathan M. Bisk College of Business Research Showcase has been extended through August 2011. The exhibit is organized by: faculty and student competitions, publications, and practica; Women’s Business Center; Online Learning; Extended Studies Division; and outreach centers and organizations.

Enjoying the reception are Dr. Robert Niebuhr (Dean, College of Business), Michael Scafati (Trustee), Dr. Gordon Nelson (Vice President, Academic Affairs), and Dr. Richard Baney (Trustee).