Strategic Goals Relevant to the University Library, 2011-2016

[From the SHU Website: In Spring 2014, as we reached the midpoint of the strategic plan, recognizing some major accomplishments and the fact that many of our objectives have been completed or are well on the way to a successful finish, we decided to implement a structured and brief review process. We also decided to extend the current strategic plan by one year into 2017.]

**Goal 1: Increase Academic Excellence and Distinctiveness: Sacred Heart University will enhance its distinctive commitment to academic excellence demonstrated by the work of students who take responsibility for their learning and who are encouraged and guided by a faculty dedicated to innovative teaching and actively engaged in scholarly and creative work that advances their fields.**

**Objective 1:** Promote Active and Engaged Learning. The Faculty will be challenged to use pedagogy that facilitates their students’ autonomous and engaged learning.

**Objective 2:** Increase Connectedness of Full-time Undergraduate Students to Full-time Faculty in the Freshman Year.

[3 Strategies]

**Strategy 4:** Create and renovate campus spaces which facilitate learning partnerships between faculty and students, particularly first-year students; e.g., the University Library; a Center that will enact and support student scholarship, including a Writing Center; Special Services; etc.

**Objective 3:** Develop and increase opportunities and expectations for Faculty development targeted at pedagogical best practice, increased convergence of academic standards, setting and communicating clear expectations, developing research-intensive courses, and facilitating autonomous student achievement of expectations.

[Strategy 1]

**Strategy 2:** Create a robust digital resource (institutional repository) for faculty publications, activities and on-going projects (a Digital Commons).

[Strategy 3]

**Strategy 4:** Strengthen the University Library to embody the teaching mission of the University by developing a plan to increase the library budget to 3% of annual E & G expenditures and to further integrate library and information literacy teaching with new curricular developments and curricular revisions.