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To whom it may concern:

Over the past three-four years, there have been numerous collaborative efforts between Information Technology Services (ITS) and the faculty. Groups of faculty have worked directly with ITS on specific developmental technological support on educational innovations. The aim of this letter is to highlight some of those coordinated efforts.

- The Dean and faculty of the School for Education (SFE) have worked closely with ITS to improve data collection and reporting capability. That effort helped the SFE obtain the maximum seven years of re-accreditation for all SFE programs.
- ITS has collaborated with faculty to develop a web-based application and review process for Park's Institutional Review Board (IRB). The system has been so successful that the technology is also being adopted for the University Assessment Committee to receive and review documents.
- Faculty have worked with ITS to develop a new collaborative program to review/develop academic applications for handheld devices (smart phones, cell phones, etc.) This initiative will provide mobile learning via the implementation of instantaneous academic support on cellular devices.
- ITS has developed training for faculty, including adjunct faculty, on the use of eCompanion (online course management capability for face-to-face instruction).
- The Department of Sociology and Psychology has worked with ITS to determine the technology and technology costs for a proposal to create a Center for Social Research.
- Faculty representatives from the different schools of the University collaborate with ITS on a regular basis to ensure that all computer labs have the appropriate, updated software for students.

The collaborative efforts listed above and others have advanced Park's innovative use of technology to serve the students and faculty of the University.

Sincerely,

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