



THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

Date: October 9, 2018
To: Budget Committee of Senate
From: Warren Asuchak, Executive Director, Facilities
Re: TRUSU Annual Budget Consultation Report (2019/20) – Student Space

The purpose of this memo is to provide BCOS and TRUSU with feedback regarding the issue of student space raised in TRUSU's Budget Consultation Report (2019/20). Within the report, TRUSU made the following four recommendations with respect to study space:

- Establish space usage intentions and related space management practices, particularly for designated quiet study space;
- Consider interim renovations of existing study space to better reflect students' need, such as electrical outlets, natural light, improved seating, etc.;
- Ensure future development of study space in classroom buildings reflects students' needs;
- Continue to consult students in the planning of a 'collegium' as part of the 5-Year Capital Plan to ensure it meets needs at the time of development;

The following pages outline TRU's response to each of this year's recommendations.

TRU Responses to TRUSU Budget Consultation (2019/20) Recommendations/Commitments – Space

Recommendation: Establish space usage intentions and related space management practices, particularly for designated quiet study space.

TRU will:

- Update the space inventory (via Facilities Information System) to reflect the most recent renovations and new building additions including the new ITTS building.
- Re-calculate the Net Assignable Square Metre (NASM) of study space per student FTE across the whole campus and also by building based on updated Facilities Information System data.
- Propose the following steps if the NASM is still lower than the recommended 0.6 NASM per FTE based on the Council of Ontario Universities (COU) standard:
 - Explore options for renovating existing spaces to create more study – appropriate space (i.e. addition of study carrels, desk seating, power sources and sound dampening where applicable);
 - Explore options for adding new study spaces via renovation of existing, underutilized classroom space;
 - Create a calculator that can be used to recalculate theoretical NASM based on any proposed solutions (as identified in items 4 and 5, above).
- Re-configure existing study spaces to create more separation between study zones (i.e. individual, group, team) and implement signage to encourage associated behaviors within those spaces.

Implementation Timeline:	Winter 2019 - ongoing
Success Indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.6 NASM per FTE for study space on the Kamloops campus as per the COU standard

Recommendation: Consider interim renovations of existing study space to better reflect students' need, such as electrical outlets, natural light, improved seating, etc.;

TRU will:

- Continue to incorporate new LED lighting, furniture, and multiple outlets into all renovation projects affecting student areas;
- Make classrooms that have been modernized available for study space when not in use. These rooms meet all the criteria for electrical outlets, natural light, improved seating;
- Develop a website/app that will let students know what classrooms are unoccupied.

Implementation Timeline:	Fall 2019 – on going.
Success Indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newly renovated classrooms will be made available to students for study space when not scheduled • An online self-help room booking portal is currently being implemented and will include access for students to book and utilize unused rooms • A website/app will be developed to let students know where spaces are available and what classrooms are unoccupied

Recommendation: Ensure future development of study space in classroom buildings reflects students' needs.	
TRU will continue to accommodate study space in new and renovated buildings as appropriate.	
Implementation Timeline:	On-going
Success Indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achievement of COU standard as a minimum for study space on campus

Recommendation: Continue to consult students in the planning of a 'collegium' as part of the 5-Year Capital Plan to ensure it meets needs at the time of development;	
TRU will include student representatives on the planning committee of the "collegium".	
Implementation Timeline:	No timeline for collegium planning has been established at this time.
Success Indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion of student representation on the planning committee of the collegium.