

# Orillia Campus Space Utilization Plan

Between its two locations at Heritage Place in downtown Orillia and at 500 University, the Orillia Campus currently has the capacity to accommodate 2,000 students; thus, our current facilities can accommodate our growth plan (i.e. adding 750 students over the next five years).

Nonetheless, there will be challenges accommodating faculty research needs and providing academic and administrative office space.

Prior to the fall of 2013, the following recommendations will be explored and, if deemed feasible and desirable, implemented:

## 1) Establish the Orillia Student Success Centre

Orillia Student Affairs will be reconfigured as a “One-Stop-Shop”: the Orillia Student Success Centre. Student Affairs staff will be relocated to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Orillia Academic building which is currently a mixed Admin/Student Affairs floor.

- a. Offices that are currently used by Student Affairs on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor would be turned over to Central Administration for better utilization
- b. The goals of the Strategic plan will be realized through Student Affairs re-alignment to provide better quality services within a single comprehensive space that includes the Office of the Dean and Vice-Provost. The Office of the Dean will become a part of the Orillia Student Success Centre

The establishment of a “One-Stop-Shop” will change the functions currently performed at the HUB. Responsibility for the HUB will return to Administration, and the HUB will become an “Information Desk” with security, parking, mail/phone services and basic inquiry functions.

## 2) Optimize the use of the residence at 500 University Avenue.

Occupancy rates within the Residence are currently well below the 271 beds available: currently 140 rooms are occupied. Even allowing for international students, there will be vacant rooms in the residence.

Discussions are underway to move the **Social Work Program** into the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Campus Residence until such time as a permanent home for the Social Work program can be found in downtown Orillia.

- a. Rent currently being paid on leased facility will be reinvested into Residence Operations.
- b. Social Work students will feel less disconnection to the rest of the University while benefitting from access to all OA campus services

- c. The bookstore will now serve as primary vendor for ALL Social Work courses

Discussions are underway to move **Advancement and Alumni Affairs** to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Residence.

### **3) Optimize the use of the bookstore at 500 University Avenue.**

Discussions are underway to create a “campus welcome zone” operating in conjunction with the Bookstore. The Welcome Zone would have couches and a space for visitors to be received for campus tours.

### **4) Leasehold improvements at Heritage Place**

The Consecutive Education program at Heritage Place does not currently have enough office space to accommodate full-time tenure-track faculty in private offices. The basement space will have to be renovated before the fall of 2013 to provide this additional office space.