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This report was prepared in response to a request in the form of a motion from the Student Engagement Committee of Senate on March 26, 2014:

On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED to request from Institutional Planning and Analysis a report on campus study space to include the following:

- ***Capacity***
 - ***Purpose/Privacy: Number of spaces by category/character of use – i.e. group, individual, or mixed use; level of acoustic and visual separation***
 - ***Location: Number of spaces by building***
 - ***Availability and Access: Number of hours per day regularly and during exam period***
- ***Usage***
- ***Student Survey***
 - ***Self---reported use***
 - ***Satisfaction with specific spaces at TRU***
 - ***Self---identified study space needs***

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A. Capacity

Purpose/Privacy: Number of spaces by category/character of use – i.e. group, individual, or mixed use; level of acoustic and visual separation

The purposes of space are described in the TRU Facilities Information System (FIS) as of the last refresh in October 2013. Figure 1 summarizes the number of rooms and total area by several FIS space types and room descriptions relating to study space. The area of space is included; room capacity (number of seats) is available for classrooms only. See C. Appendix 1 for detailed room information. Data on the level of acoustic and visual separation of these spaces are not available.

Location: Number of spaces by building

Figure 1 summarizes the number of rooms by the room categories and descriptions in the FIS, by building. This list is not exhaustive, as it only includes rooms that are identified as study space in the FIS. It does not include rooms that are identified as mixed space, eating space, etc.

Figure 1: Summary of Room Type and Description by Building

| Building | Space Type | Room Description | Count of Rooms/Spaces | Total Area (sq. m) |
|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Animal Health Technology | Library Reading/Study Space | Computers | 1 | 9.7 |
| | | Student Multi-Use Room | 1 | 17.3 |
| AHT Total | | | 2 | 27.0 |
| Clock Tower | Special-Class &/Or Individual Study Lab | Journalism Individual Study Lab | 1 | 41.1 |
| House Of Learning | Library Reading/Study Space | Reading Room | 1 | 70.0 |
| | | Study Hall | 2 | 184.8 |
| | Study Room | 4 | 36.8 | |
| | Reading Study Area, Non-Library | Food And Study Area | 1 | 75.6 |
| | | Study Hall | 5 | 489.9 |
| HOL Total | | | 13 | 857.1 |
| Independent Centre | Reading Study Area, Non-Library | Study Area | 2 | 180.2 |
| International Building | Reading Study Area, Non-Library | Study Room | 1 | 6.3 |
| | | Study/Breakout Room | 1 | 4.6 |
| International Building Total | | | 2 | 10.9 |
| Library | Library Reading/Study Space | Grad Student Area / Large Study Area | 1 | 183.9 |
| | | Group Study | 4 | 52.8 |
| | | Study | 2 | 26.7 |
| Library Total | | | 7 | 263.4 |
| Old Main | Special-Class &/Or Individual Study Lab | College Prep Student Study Lab | 1 | 132.7 |
| Science | Reading Study Area, Non-Library | Student Study Room | 1 | 29.4 |
| Trades & Technology | Reading Study Area, Non-Library | Plumbing Study Room | 1 | 31.0 |
| Grand Total | | | 30 | 1572.8 |

Availability and Access: Number of hours per day regularly and during exam period

This information is not currently available through IPA.

B. Usage

IPA has access to utilization data for classrooms only (see the *Fall 2013 Space Utilization Report*, available from IPA).

Self-Reported Use

This information is not currently available through IPA.

Satisfaction with Specific Spaces at TRU

TRU administers several student surveys that include questions about study space. The following results are summarized from these surveys.

Canadian University Survey Consortium

The Canadian University Consortium surveys ask students to indicate how satisfied they are with many aspects of their university, including library, study, and social and informal space. In the most recent 2013 survey, first year TRU students tended to be more satisfied than students in comparable universities as well as more satisfied than the entire Canadian survey cohort (Figure 2).

In 2012, TRU graduating students were slightly less satisfied with library facilities than students in the comparison groups (Figure 3).

Figure 2: Survey of First Year Students 2013

| | | Thompson Rivers University | Comparable Universities | Entire Canadian Survey Cohort |
|------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Study Space | Satisfied | 90% | 78% | 80% |
| | Dissatisfied | 10% | 22% | 20% |
| Library Facilities | Satisfied | 94% | 92% | 92% |
| | Dissatisfied | 6% | 8% | 8% |
| Social and Informal Meeting Places | Satisfied | 84% | 83% | 80% |
| | Dissatisfied | 16% | 17% | 20% |

Figure 3: Survey of Graduating Students 2012

| | | Thompson Rivers University | Comparable Universities | Entire Canadian Survey Cohort |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Library Facilities | Satisfied | 87% | 90% | 90% |
| | Dissatisfied | 13% | 10% | 10% |

Canadian University Report

In the 2012 Canadian University Report survey, students were asked to assign a grade to various aspects of their university experience, including study areas and the availability of those study areas. TRU students gave grades that were in the upper distribution of grades at peer institutions.

Figure 4: Student-Assigned Grades for Library, Computer Labs and Other Study Space (2012)

| | Thompson Rivers University | Simon Fraser University - Mountain Campus | Trinity Western University | University of British Columbia | University of Northern British Columbia | University of Victoria | Vancouver Island University |
|--|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Availability of Computers On-Campus | A- | B | A- | B | A- | B | B |
| Study Spaces in the Library | B+ | B- | A | B | A- | B | B |
| Library Hours of Operation | B+ | B+ | B+ | B+ | A- | B+ | B+ |

In the same survey in 2011 and 2012, students were also asked to comment on various aspects of their experience at TRU.

What is one thing you would change about your institution?

2011: Qualitative analysis showed a theme of “better study space” among seven themes.

What has been the worst thing about your academic experience this year?

2011: Qualitative analysis of comments showed a theme of ‘lack of study space’ among five themes.

2012: Qualitative analysis showed a theme of ‘lack of quiet study space’ among three themes.

Self-Identified Student Space Needs

This information is not currently available through IPA.

C. Appendix 1 – Space Detail

| Room # | Description | Area (Sq. M) | Station Description |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| ANIMAL HEALTH TECHNOLOGY | | | |
| 152 | COMPUTERS | 9.7 | OTHER |
| 153 | STUDENT MULTI-USE ROOM | 17.3 | OTHER |
| CLOCKTOWER | | | |
| 170 | JOURNALISM INDIVIDUAL STUDY LAB | 41.12 | OTHER |
| HOUSE OF LEARNING | | | |
| 300 | STUDY HALL | 40.4 | NOT APPLICABLE |
| 364 | READING ROOM | 70 | TABLES AND CHAIRS |
| 366 | STUDY HALL | 144.4 | TABLES AND CHAIRS |
| 461 | STUDY ROOM | 8.5 | TABLES AND CHAIRS |
| 463 | STUDY ROOM | 8.7 | TABLES AND CHAIRS |
| 465 | STUDY ROOM | 14.5 | TABLES AND CHAIRS |
| 467 | STUDY ROOM | 5.1 | TABLES AND CHAIRS |
| 166 | FOOD AND STUDY AREA | 75.6 | TABLES AND CHAIRS |
| 202 | STUDY HALL | 77.9 | TABLES AND CHAIRS |
| 264 | STUDY HALL | 111.9 | TABLES AND CHAIRS |
| 266 | STUDY HALL | 105.6 | TABLES AND CHAIRS |
| 400 | STUDY HALL | 46.8 | NOT APPLICABLE |
| 466 | STUDY HALL | 147.7 | TABLES AND CHAIRS |
| INDEPENDENT CENTRE | | | |
| 151 | STUDY AREA | 67.2 | OTHER |
| 270 | STUDY AREA | 113 | OTHER |
| INTERNATIONAL BUILDING | | | |
| 2001B | STUDY ROOM | 6.34 | MOVEABLE TABLES / ARM CHAIRS |
| 2054 | STUDY/BREAKOUT ROOM | 4.58 | TABLES AND CHAIRS |
| LIBRARY | | | |
| 108 | GRAD STUDENT AREA / LARGE STUDY AREA | 183.9 | OTHER |
| 140 | STUDY | 15.7 | OTHER |
| 202 | GROUP STUDY | 12.5 | CARRELS |
| 203 | GROUP STUDY | 15.1 | OTHER |
| 204 | GROUP STUDY | 12.6 | DESKS (1 OR 2 PEDESTALS) & CHAIRS |
| 205 | GROUP STUDY | 12.6 | |
| 228 | STUDY | 11 | TABLES AND CHAIRS |
| OLD MAIN | | | |
| 2551 | COLLEGE PREP STUDENT STUDY LAB | 132.7 | OTHER |
| SCIENCE | | | |
| 230A | STUDENT STUDY ROOM | 29.4 | |
| TRADES & TECHNOLOGY | | | |
| 274B | PLUMBING STUDY ROOM | 30.95 | |