

Design Guiding Principles

The Kwantlen Polytechnic University Facilities department will use the following Design Guiding Principles, as supported by the Executive on April 29, 2008, in all design planning for renovation projects:

- Efforts will be made in design to provide natural light and views to outdoors whenever possible.
- Finishes will be minimalized to reduce future replacement/renovation expense (for example minimal use of carpeting). It is appreciated that this will have an effect in some areas on acoustics. There will be an educational factor required to provide information as to the benefits of the flooring approach taken environmentally as well as the less than anticipated sound reduction that carpeting provides).
- Small departments will be placed adjacent to two larger departments that have potential for growth so in future the small department may be relocated to provide additional space.
- Space will be provided for current requirements as well as expected growth for the next 3 to 5 years.
- Departments anticipated to grow will be placed where growth is possible.
- Renovations will be planned to provide a quality space for the long term.
- Those that require several offices with a high degree of speech privacy will be located within existing original buildings as more conducive with building characteristics to achieve speech privacy.
- Enclosed offices will be placed on the building interior with sidelights providing view and natural light, support employees will be placed adjacent to exterior windows (where practicable).
- Departments requiring frequent interaction with another department will be placed adjacent to each other.
- Frosting will be placed on windows to provide privacy as required while still permitting natural light to be transmitted.
- When smaller offices are created and/or more open plan offices departmental meeting rooms will be provided within the area to provide a private space close by.
- For those who require meetings with others on a regular basis (few times a day) meeting space will be provided within the individual office to a maximum of meeting space for four persons.
- Priority is placed upon creating quality renovation projects with priority for funding to renovation/new construction, then technology and then furniture. New furniture will be a priority where it will help to minimize space required.