

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this manual is to bring together the results of two separate studies into one document that provides common definitions of space measurement, input measures and new standards.

The first study was prepared in 1997 by a sub-committee of the University Presidents' Council (TUPC). It examined the Council of Ontario Universities definitions and classifications of university space. The committee recommended their adoption and adaptation for use in the B.C. universities.

The second study was in response to a government directive to develop new more efficient space standards for the universities. New space standards were developed for BC universities\* as an outcome of a year-long review of space standards. The BC Universities Space Standards Report, prepared in 2001, summarizes this review.

This manual has three major components:

- common definitions of space measurement
- common definitions of space categories, and
- common definitions of input measures

As a consequence of the combination of these common elements, a new data reporting system was developed. This new system provides more information than the earlier TUPC reports. The information will be included in the council website at [www.tupc.bc.ca](http://www.tupc.bc.ca).

I would like to thank also those who participated in the studies. I believe the manual will provide clarity in reporting on university space and its utilization.

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\* The standards, which are developed for traditional universities, exclude RRU and TechBC.