

Campus Infrastructure Advocacy Policy
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Definitions

Campus Infrastructure refers to the physical and technological environment of the University of Calgary campus. Campus infrastructure includes (but is not limited to) communal and study spaces, facilities, IT services, and standards of accessibility. Infrastructure investment directly impacts the student experience, student productivity, and institutional reputation.

Campus Alteration Request/Facilities Alteration Request (CAR/FAR) refers to a University of Calgary program which addresses Deferred Maintenance by updating and improving specific spaces on campus.

Deferred Maintenance refers to a university's Campus Infrastructure maintenance needs which have not been addressed, and which have been consciously deferred in favour of other budget priorities, generally for reasons of available funding. An institution's total Deferred Maintenance liability is the amount of funding that would be required to address all outstanding Campus Infrastructure maintenance needs.

Authority

- 1 (1) Section 93(3) of the *Post-Secondary Learning Act* legislates that the students' association of a public post-secondary institution shall provide for the administration of student affairs at the public post-secondary institution, including the promotion of the general welfare of the students consistent with the purposes of the public post-secondary institution.
- (2) Article VI, Section B of the Constitution establishes the Students' Legislative Council (SLC) as the policy-making body responsible for the business and affairs of the Students' Union (SU).

Purpose

- 2 (1) This policy demonstrates that the SU recognizes Campus Infrastructure as vital to student welfare, academic success, and the student experience.
- (2) This policy provides a guiding vision for SU governance, advocacy, and operations as they relate to Campus Infrastructure and Deferred Maintenance.
- (3) This policy identifies student priorities which guide SU advocacy in the realm of Campus Infrastructure at the University of Calgary.

Policy Statement

- 3 (1) The SU will strive to advocate for all student needs related to Campus Infrastructure, and will:
 - (a) Promote a holistic, inclusive understanding of student needs in the realm of Campus Infrastructure, including but not limited to classrooms, study areas, social spaces, accessibility, and IT support;
 - (b) Promote student needs as priorities for CAR/FAR and other University of Calgary programs which develop and maintain Campus Infrastructure, including efforts to address Deferred Maintenance;
 - (c) Assess and respond to Campus Infrastructure development and maintenance issues related to the student experience;
 - (d) Assess and respond to student satisfaction with development and maintenance of Campus Infrastructure;
 - (e) Advocate to government and the University for strategic measures to address Deferred Maintenance liability; and
 - (f) Play an active role in discussions with the University of Calgary regarding Deferred Maintenance and Campus Infrastructure.

- 3 (2) The SU will make accessibility a priority in its advocacy efforts, and will promote Campus Infrastructure development and maintenance measures which improve accessibility, especially in spaces used by students.