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PLAN APPROVED FOR USE OF CAMPUS SPACE

MISSOULA --

New buildings on The University of Montana’s Missoula campus will create much-needed space for varied UM departments and organizations, and UM President George Dennison has approved the campus space committee’s May 3 recommendations for allocating that space.

Most of the shifts will occur this summer and fall as the Davidson Honors College and School of Business Administration move into their new buildings, freeing their former offices for other campus departments.

That gain of new space alleviates many longstanding overcrowding problems that were created by rising enrollments and increased research activity, said space committee chair James Todd, vice president for administration and finance. "We weren’t able to address all of the problems, but the completion of these buildings has really helped," Todd said.

David Bilderback, special assistant to the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the shifts will bring numerous benefits to the college, consolidating departments and providing disability access to many offices.

The Department of Mathematical Sciences -- currently scattered among five campus buildings -- will have all of its offices centered in the Mathematics Building and Corbin Hall; the Department of English, including the writing lab that is now housed in Corbin, will be unified on two contiguous floors of the Liberal Arts Building; and the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures also will consolidate its operations, Bilderback said. The many shifts planned for this
summer will result in long-needed disability access for the writing lab and the main offices of English, African-American studies, women's studies, liberal studies and philosophy, he said.

Planned moves include:

■ When the business school moves into its new building late this summer, the School of Education will move into the old business building.

■ Most of the space -- 27 offices -- in the Liberal Arts Building now occupied by the School of Education will go to the English department, with some allocated to other departments including the College of Arts and Sciences and the Office of Information Technology.

■ The business school will also vacate its space in other campus buildings. Seventeen offices in North Corbin Hall now used by the business school will go to the math department, and business programs' McGill Hall offices will provide space for the Department of Health and Human Performance.

■ Most of the third-floor space in Main Hall formerly occupied by the Davidson Honors College will go the School of Forestry for riparian research. The new honors college building will officially open May 17.

■ The Linguistics Program and English Language Institute, now housed in the Fine Arts Building, will move to the new Continuing Education Building when it opens in August 1998; the space now used by linguistics and ELI will be used by the School of Fine Arts.

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