Facilities Condition Index (FCI)

The Council of Ontario Universities (COU) recognized the need to improve the reporting and tracking of deferred maintenance. It was agreed that a Facility Condition reporting system is developed to assist institutions in monitoring the condition of their facilities.

A joint Task Force of CSAO and OAPPA was mandated to oversee the implementation of the Facilities Condition Index (FCI) and the Requirement Index (overall CFI). The implementation of the Index was endorsed by CSAO and OAPPA and unanimously approved by COU Executives.

The costs for the buildings' physical condition deficiencies are compared to the total replacement value of the building, yielding a **Facility Condition Index (FCI)**. The FCI is an overall indicator of campus condition. It is directly influenced by resource availability and utilization.

Between 2007 and 2010, the Current Replacement Value (CRV) of universities' physical infrastructure increased by 19% ($3 billion) and the costs of deferred maintenance (DM) increased by 25% ($390 million). Although the deferred maintenance figure has grown significantly, we have not seen an increase in the FCI because there has been a significant expansion in university facilities which has resulted in an increase in the CRV.

At University of Ottawa the FCI is tracked as an important component of the scorecard of the condition of our facilities. The FCI was reduced from 0.11 in 2007 to 0.10 in 2008, and then to 0.09 in 2009, and then to 0.10 again in 2010, as reported by the COU in February 2011.

At University of Ottawa, 59.3% of the campus is in excellent condition, a substantial increase over the 43.8% reported last year as shown in the following graph. However, 14.1% of the campus is still in poor condition and still needs attention.

The University must invest substantially to maintain the quality of academic spaces. The efforts made in the previous years, linked with the Master Plan Renovations, are to notably improve the quality of our facilities. This year, a $150Million 5-year program is ongoing to renovate and improve of our existing facilities. Annual Facility Renewal Program is slightly over $6M for 2011-12 fiscal plan.