CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY Lefkosa, NORTHERN CYPRUS

THE PROJECT

Cyprus International University, located in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, is a private institution offering both undergraduate and graduate programs. Due to a high demand for educational opportunities especially in Turkey, the University is expecting the 3,200-enrollment to increase to 8,400 in the next ten to fifteen years, and may grow to 10,000 students in the long term. DOBER LIDSKY MATHEY (DLM) was retained to develop a campus plan that would accommodate this significant increase in enrollment.

CHALLENGE

The existing campus conformed to two axes, one vertical and the other oblique, on one side of a road that bisects the landholdings. The challenge was to create a design that would enhance the existing layout, and extend it to the north and to the east. Eleven buildings existed and another was under construction at the outset of the planning. The need for more space was so great that one of the new academic buildings, six student residences, and faculty housing were begun during the planning process.

SOLUTION

To accommodate expansion, DLM, working with CIU faculty and staff, defined the facility needs for existing and projected programs and for the required additional housing. This information, combined with a facility data base that DLM developed, became the basis for the campus design.

Then, with input from CIU, DLM developed a campus plan that builds on the existing pattern of development. Academic and administrative functions remain to the south and include a new library as well as an amphitheater and convention center, venues for community outreach. Student housing is to the north, extending across the CIU property. Student life and athletics is the central element that links the north and south sectors. Play fields provide a grand vista of open space that is a central focus.

RESULTS

The University is in the process of implementing the plan in three phases. The first phase has been completed, providing space for up to 5,000 students. The middle phase will accommodate up to 7,000 students, and the later phase space will be needed as the enrollment reaches 10,000.

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