Facilities and Services

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL FACILITIES AND SERVICES EMPLOYEES FROM ASSISTANT VP HAUBOLD:

Another year of school has started, and that’s always an exciting time – to say nothing of being even busier than we already were. Please remember to be careful driving around campus as new students try to find their way around and returning ones continue to walk out in front!

We’ve been able to promote from within in many cases when we had openings, and we’ve been able to create positions that allowed for advancement. We’ve said this before, but a reminder doesn’t hurt: Facilities and Services pays for trades and professional licenses, renewals, and continuing education classes. Professional development is another method we have of making sure that we deliver quality services to the campus community. If you want to pursue professional development, please be sure to discuss it with your supervisor.

There is a lot going on, and we have shared as much as we can fit in this newsletter with plenty left over for future issues. Please take the time to take pictures of your great work so that we can share examples.

“Thank you” for all that you do. We appreciate all of your efforts!

Glen Haubold
PERSONNEL
OUR MOST IMPORTANT RESOURCE

Facilities and Services welcomes Custodial Workers April Flores and Norma Lopez. Also, Katrina Doolittle is now Executive Director of Environmental Health and Safety; Robert E. Dubois, Sammy Saenz, and Jose L. De Leon advanced to Plumber; Andrew J. Kaczmarek is now Assistant Director, Environmental Health and Safety; and Greg Vogel moved up to Manager, Environmental with Environmental Health and Safety.

Ron Tarazoff and Robert Segreto have accepted promotions to Project Construction as Assistant Project Managers, Michelle Bustillos advanced to Custodial Worker, Senior, and Alan Vogel moved up to HVAC Mechanic.

NEW PROJECT MANAGER
Alfonso (Al) Flores, Jr. was selected as the new Design Project Manager in Project Development and Engineering and will start with NMSU on September 16th. Mr. Flores was previously with Martinez Bros Contractors in El Paso as a General Project Manager and with the Anthony Independent School District as the Director of Operations. He is a graduate of Stanford University in Civil Engineering, and is pursuing a MBA at the University of Texas at El Paso.

FIRE SPRINKLERS, FIRE ALARM, FIRE EXTINGUISHER, E-LOCKS AND ALARM SERVICES CONSOLIDATION

Beginning July 1, 2012 the fire alarm / e-lock / alarm technicians currently located under ICT moved over to Facilities and Services. This reorganization will allow NMSU to gain efficiencies associated with alarm systems and building systems. Some examples of these efficiencies include coordinated HVAC shutdowns, elevator capture, and overall building code compliance.
Consolidating these systems into a single work unit will allow for improved delivery of maintenance and services to the systems. ICT and Facilities and Services have been working together to make certain that the transfer of services is as transparent as possible to the customers.

The next meeting will be August 29th at 9am in the Facilities and Services conference room. Our scheduled topic for this meeting is the warehouse, its functions, and the relationship to Facilities and Services. Sujey Aguilar and Ed Albright from the Warehouse will be presenting to the group and standing for a Q&A session.

The Internal Advisory Committee was formed to provide employees with a voice to address cross functional issues in Facilities and Services.

If you have a problem, concern, issue, or solution that impacts multiple departments in Facilities and Services, please see one of the Internal Advisory committee members: Damon Garland (Access Control), Ruben Madero (Paint), Ester Amezquita (Grounds), Orlando Flores (Grounds), Tom Rubadeau (Electrical), Mark Blachford (Mechanical), Henry Espalin, (Project Development and Engineering), Maria Gover (Facilities Accounting), and Roe Day (Project Development and Engineering). If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact GREG or me.
DACC Hatch

On August 15, 2012, the DACC Hatch Center was officially opened with a ribbon cutting. Joe Payyapilly was the Design Project Manager and Jon Padilla was the Construction Project Manager. Also – and there will be pictures in future issues – Project Development and Engineering has completed the NMDA Expansion, East Mesa Phases 6 and 7, and Chamisa II; the installation of bleachers at the Women’s Soccer Field, remodeling at Cervantes Village, Espina paving, Arrowhead Road, improvements for PSL at the airport, and roof repairs at Guthrie and Branson.

< -- NEW CLASSROOM AT HATCH

TAOS DINING

The students really enjoy this first phase that has opened recently and the kitchen has been completely made over and looks great. This was a team effort with Joe Payyapilly, Henry Espalin, Julie Weber, and Shelly Duran of Sodexho

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

With the increased humidity and seasonal rain, EHS responds to reported mold or mildew smell and concern for indoor air quality. Quick response to wetted areas and custodial mitigation helps to prevent any mold growth. Sometimes, years of dust, pollens and allergens begin to build up in the building ventilation system and require periodic cleaning. EHS assesses the conditions in older buildings and contracts with vendors to perform any needed internal cleaning of the air ducts and mixing boxes that traverse the building infrastructure. Specialized vacuums and mechanical whips are used to break lose debris and remove it for a clean air system. The most recent location for this type of cleaning was Thomas and Brown.
UNIVERSITY ARCHITECT AND CAMPUS PLANNING

HED held its annual Capital Outlay hearings at NMSU on August 7th, and this is the next step towards defining NMSU’s capital requests to the 2013 NM Legislature. Projects on the list after the hearings were:

- $500,000 or $1,000,000 (the amount depends upon the state’s available funds) for infrastructure projects at each campus at Grants, Carlsbad and Alamogordo;
- $1,000,000 or $2,000,000 for infrastructure projects at Doña Ana Community College;
- and $3,000,000 or $5,000,000 for infrastructure projects at NMSU Las Cruces (which included renovations to the Animal Care facility).

Also included were Planning and Design funds for the following projects:

- Las Cruces: Arts Center Phase 2 and Library Space Analysis;
- Child Development Education Centers at Grants and Carlsbad;
- and the Alamogordo Trades Center Phase 2.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Facilities and Services Plumbing Shop installed a new “Hydration Station” at the Activity Center March 2012. It has been so popular that the A/C has decided to install two more. The hydration station is a retrofit or an addition to a drinking fountain that allows users to fill up their reusable bottles and cups by setting their container on a pad and the water fills from the top. The water is filtered, cold, and clean. The Halsey Taylor drinking fountain also has a numeric counter that registers how many 16 oz. bottles are diverted from the landfill by not buying bottled water because consumers are reusing. Waste reduction is a part of sustainability at NMSU and this fulfills a big need toward that purpose. The great news is that between March and July we kept 22,000 bottles from the landfill.
The Office of Sustainability reached out to students in the summer during ‘New Student Registration and Aggie Welcome and Orientation’ as well as Augusts’ Move-in Day for incoming freshman moving into the dorms. OoS tabled during Campus Housing Resource Fair, Aggie Welcome and Orientation, as well as reaching out to Chicano students during two Chicano Programs tabling events. The sustainability booth had a “Sustainability Tree” bean bag toss made completely out of re-used materials that rewarded students with rapidly-renewable material bamboo pens, recycled plastic cups, and reusable tote bags. The Environmental Health and Safety Office shared the spotlight during tabling events because both OoS and EH&S focus on improving the environment at NMSU. On August 3rd the Office of Sustainability spoke to the members of the Green Chamber of Commerce at their First Friday luncheon to share with small business owners how what NMSU does to be green can relate to their business. The OoS is also participating in the Camino Real Regional Sustainability Plan with Doña Ana County as an initiative of the Engagement and Education Committee.

PICTURES IN THIS ISSUE

..are from the some of the great work from Grounds and from the Sustainability Office.
OUR MISSION IS TO EFFICIENTLY PROVIDE A SAFE, WELL MAINTAINED, AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY.