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Facilities and Services Newsletter

An open letter to all Facilities and Services employees from Assistant VP Haubold:

To the men and women of Facilities and Services:

I have started trying to make as many shop and department meetings as I can in an effort to improve communication within Facilities and Services. Many of you have heard me say that one of the challenges of communication is that it’s like the old game where everyone sits in a circle, and the first person whispers a secret to the person sitting next to them. After the secret is passed all the way around the circle, most of the time the message that comes back is nothing like what was said at the beginning.

Communication is something we all have to work on, and it’s not a “one way street”. If you have a question about something, a complaint, a concern, or a suggestion, it’s important to me that it be heard and addressed if possible. People may not always like the answer, but they always deserve one. Please don’t wonder – ask! Start with your supervisor, of course, but know that we want you to feel free to have your questions and concerns addressed without worrying about retaliation.

There have been many challenges over the past few years, and we can finally celebrate that NMSU has been able to reward the workforce with raises. However small they may be, the raises this year are certainly more than we’ve had in the last four years.

Also this past year, 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. 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 our workforce delivers professional services to the campus community.

Mainly, though, I want to take a minute to say “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 Kevin Lucero and Carlos Moreno, Custodial Worker Sr. Henry Mancha, Telecomm Techs Luis Rubio and Robert Velasco, and Structural Maintenance Tech Javier Lujan. We also want to welcome Accountant, Sr. Florarine Jones who comes to us from Accounting and Financial Reporting.

We say goodbye to retiree Andy Gonzales in Access Control, and to Maria Gover who left the Facilities Business Office to go to work in the accounting office in Hadley Hall.

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 will be joining 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.
FACILITIES INTERNAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GREG VOGEL continues to chair meetings of the Facilities and Services Internal Advisory Committee, and the question they are currently working on is the operation of the Facilities and Services gate system. They will also be discussing an employee satisfaction survey in the coming year.

The Internal Advisory Committee was formed to provide employees with a voice to address cross functional issues in Facilities and Services, and two of the concerns that have been brought forward are the current FS gate system and with the gasoline procurement.

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.

FACILITIES ANNUAL PICNIC

The Facilities and Services picnic was held Friday, June 8th from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm in Preciado Park. Jean Robinson won first place in the Dessert Contest, and Anita Montoya won the prize for the best salsa followed by runner-up Phillip Cordero.

We also want to express our appreciation to the Picnic Committee, those members are: Lorraine Silva, Al Suarez, Esther Amezquita, Tom Rubadeau, Maria Gover, Lalo Rodriguez, Jerry Valdez, and Jean Robinson.

PICTURES IN THIS ISSUE

..from the employee picnic!
OUR MISSION IS TO EFFICIENTLY PROVIDE A SAFE, WELL MAINTAINED, AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY.

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