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Spring break is behind us and we’ve moved into the final phase of the academic year. I find it hard to believe that the year is moving so quickly. I’d like to recognize some of the special accomplishments of our team over the past few months.
Progress is moving forward on the Shooting Sports Education Center currently under construction. Facilities, Planning, Design and Construction (FPD&C) is leading the construction project while Maintenance and Operations is actively gearing up to assume responsibility for operating the building upon completion in June 2015. Custodial Services is also looking ahead to the roles they will play in servicing the facility.

Additionally, progress continues to be excellent on the Health Services Center currently under construction. Again, FPD&C is leading the construction project scheduled for completion in December 2015.

Our sustainability efforts, in all aspects of Facilities Services, are increasing monthly. I encourage you to review our Sustainability projects below. Kudos to all for supporting our sustainability initiatives.

All of our units continue to do an excellent job with the long list of services that they perform every day and every week. While the services we provide are broad and do not attract much attention from the university community, we know the services we provide help us to attract quality students, faculty and staff. Look around and you’ll see facilities staff collecting trash, recycling, planting flowers, cleaning bathrooms, maintaining comfortable temperatures in buildings, changing light bulbs, setting up for events, painting indoors and outdoors, servicing heating and cooling systems, coaching faculty, staff and students on workplace safety and managing multi-million dollar projects… just to name a few. Enjoy the slideshow video below which demonstrates many dedicated staff taking care of business! My thanks to all of you
for getting these tasks done quietly but effectively!!

I hope that you find this newsletter an effective means of communication across our large and varied organization. Your comments and suggestions for improvement are always welcome. Please complete our customer satisfaction survey to provide feedback.

Click Here for Our Customer Satisfaction Survey!

Thanks to All for a Job Well Done!!

Marv
Marvin D. Mills, Jr.
Associate Vice President for Facilities
FPD&C Project Updates

Shooting Sports Education Center

- Project 30% complete
- Currently the metal side panels and roof panels are being installed
- After the building is dried in, the interior sheet rock, plumbing and electric panels and circuits will be installed
- Estimated completion date is June 4, 2015
Health Services Center

- April completes the 5th month of an 11 month project and is 45% complete and within budget (despite the rainy days)
- 1st Floor: overhead rough in complete, interior walls framed, and hollow metal frames installed
- 2nd Floor: overhead rough in has begun
- 99% of the structural steel is complete
- Roofing and exterior wall framing will begin in the next 2 weeks
ADA Ramp at Marvin Pittman

Pictured below is the Marvin Pittman ADA ramp that opened April 29th. Both ramps at Marvin Pittman and Lewis Hall are funded by MRR funds allocated to Georgia Southern annually by the Board of Regents and total funding for the two projects is $125,000.
Horticulture at Georgia Southern

Did you know that Landscape Services grows many of the plants and flowers that are used on campus in our greenhouse? Currently Horticulturist Truman (Tray) Anderson is growing hydrangeas and other woody shrubs from plant cuttings taken from across campus. Before construction began on the ADA ramp at Marvin Pittman, four hydrangea bushes were dug up and will be replanted and from these dozens of new babies are being sprouted to plant across campus.

Also growing in the greenhouse in recycled pots are spring annuals, herbs and veggies. Tray and his team use a combination of potting soil and native soil amendments to grow plants, which helps them adapt to our campus soils faster. Catering services uses the herbs and veggies for events and dinners held on campus.

In the fall, our horticulturists will start growing annual crops to better control quality and price. For example, Black-Eyed Susan plugs cost $.60/each. If we purchased them grown out, the cost could easily run from $4 to $8 each. For the same reasons, staff are also planning to start growing our ferns from start to finish. In the bottom right picture below, the annuals are grown in a sustainable mesh sleeve that eliminates unnecessary plastic pots.
Tower Repair

Work often takes place behind the scenes and on weekends. On March 15, Mechanical personnel worked quickly to replace the gear box and ensured the cooling tower and chillers were back online. Using a boom truck, Jerry Stewart, Ronnie Phillips, Tye Gourley, Bryan Rountree and John Classens pulled the old fan and gear box by 8:30am and reinstalled the parts. The equipment was online by 11:00am. As a result, meetings scheduled in Nursing Chemistry for later that afternoon did not have to be relocated.
Environmental Health & Safety

Student Sustainability Fees at Work!:
LED Lighting Projects

- Facilities awarded $74,800 by Student Sustainability Fee in May 2014 and December 2014
- Projects: LED Lighting Upgrade to IT, RAC and Hanner Parking Lots
- Estimated Completion Date: Summer 2015

Pictured below is Marshall Lanier, Mechanical Services, installing a Holophane fixture for the IT parking lot.

Words of Appreciation

I would like to salute Mr. Deon and the janitorial staff for going above and beyond their job description by helping my daughter find her car keys. Mr. Deon & staff were very nice and considerate when my daughter was looking for her car keys one night after studying in the lab. I really appreciate the initiative Mr. Deon and staff took by figuring out when and where each trash bag was taken, by them figuring this out they were able to find my daughter’s keys and I want to thank them from the bottom of my heart.

THANK YOU MR. DEON & STAFF!!!

Sincerely,
Ms. Ida Fitzpatrick
Student Sustainability Fees at Work!: BigBelly Waste & Recycling Bins

- Facilities installed three BigBelly solar powered waste and recycling bins that were funded by Student Sustainability fees
- The leak-proof, cordless bins compact waste to increase storage capacity
- Units communicate with the BigBelly cloud for timely collection by Facilities staff
- Bins are high capacity holding 150 gallons and offers automatic compaction

Click here to learn more about BigBelly
David Ramos, Accounting major, inserts a plastic bottle into the BigBelly bin.
Help Find a Cure!

On March 28, Facilities employees and families formed a team for the Pink Power 5K. The event was held at the Georgia Southern RAC Pavilion and 633 runners made the event a huge success. The Statesboro Bulloch County Breast Cancer Foundation will put the $15,000 raised right back into our community to help those battling breast cancer.
Back, left to right: Lisa Lockhart, Ellen Lanier (Sidney), Amy Wilkins-Smith, EJ Smith, Sharla Honeycutt, Wendy Woodrum, David Ramos, Ryan Macy, LaShai Campbell, Steven Pecko, and Phillip Campbell
Front, left to right: Owen Purcell, Landon Purcell, Madison Woodrum, Jackson Woodrum, Brian Brown, and Christy Brown

New Hires & Promotions
Top, left to right: Bradley Mathis (Custodian), Richard Geiger (Custodian), Javis Robbins (Custodian), Martin Cornejo (Custodian)
Bottom, left to right: Danny Frazier (HVAC Mechanic), Ellen Lanier (Sr. Administrative Assistant), Tye Gourley (HVAC Mechanic)
Not pictured: Timothy Montgomery (Custodian)