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Georgia Southern University Facilities Services

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With the start of 2016, it is a good time to reflect on the changes that will occur in our Division. First, I want to thank David Faircloth for his dedicated years of employment with the University System of Georgia and, specifically, with Georgia Southern. His leadership with the Planning, Design & Construction Department raised the Division to new levels. Every aspect of our campus facilities has been touched by David. We all hope to continue the great traditions established by David, which include improving our facility assets and customer service.

Facilities Services continues to change. Employee retirements provide us with opportunities to...
restructure how we do business due to changing factors. The input from our customers and employees is very important in this process. Facility stewardship in higher education is changing and we must stay ahead of the curve in order to continue to provide a positive impact to the mission of Georgia Southern University. There are many critical issues that face higher education and facilities management. Affordability, performance measures, accountability, customer service, technology, classroom of the future, asset reinvestment, employee changes, sustainability, energy management, and safety are areas we will focus on in 2016.

Each of the Division’s departments and the six operating units will continue to share their progress in this newsletter. The good work in each area is the result of a lot of dedicated people working together. Please take some time each day to thank those who work in Facilities Services who take good care of the facility assets we enjoy!

As always, BE SAFE!!
Best regards,

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Marvin D. Mills, Jr.
Associate Vice President for Facilities
Safety First!

Facilities Services recently established a safety committee to establish a safety culture and ensure employees operate safely. The committee held its inaugural meeting in January 2016 and devised the following mission statement:

"The primary objective for the Division of Facilities Services Safety Committee is to provide guidance for a safe and healthy workplace environment and to promote overall support of the Georgia Southern University’s safety goals."

April 2016 Safety Bulletin

2016 Committee Members

- LaShai Campbell, Budget Analyst
- Christopher Colson, University Fire Marshal
- Blake Hicks, Electrician
- Bonnie McMakin, Project Architect
- David Gentile, HVAC Mechanic
- David Wiggins, Plumber
- James Ashley, Custodial Equipment Technician
- Janice Skinner, Paint Supervisor
- Stephen Hart, Locksmith Foreman
- Megan Bowen, Administrative Asst

Springtime at GSU
The new 33,280 sq ft Military Science building is currently on schedule and is 30% complete.
The $9.5 million structure should receive the last piece of steel to top the building out around mid-May.
The building, which will house the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program at Georgia Southern University has a scheduled completion date of November 17, 2016.
Paulson Stadium Turf Project

- Paulson Stadium's new synthetic turf playing field, with dual fiber and mono-filament film is 100% complete.
- The new turf also serves as a cooling system and has the capability to cool the playing field during Summer and Fall when temperatures rise.
- The underground storm, irrigation and low voltage is complete on the South side and 90% complete on the North side.
- The Eagles Spring game on April 16 marked the first athletic event to be played on the new turf.
In 2015, Landscape Services spread a regional wildflower seed mix on a normal grass bank alongside Facilities building 448.

This spring, the area has blossomed with a variety of flowers and is alive with pollinating insects.

This test in a small area compares a wildflower mix versus normal grass seed.

The wildflower mix maintains an aesthetically pleasing view with vibrant colors but does not require the regular mowing and application of water, pesticides, and herbicides required for turf grass.

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Lending a Helping Hand

Ms. Tierza Watts, Director of Residence Education, personally thanks Ms. Emma Newton, Landscape Services, for helping several employees who were stranded on Highway 25. Ms. Emily Savoie was returning a candidate to the Augusta Airport when the University vehicle stalled. Ms. Newton was on her way home from work when she noticed Georgia Southern staff on the side of the road. She immediately turned around and stayed with them until help arrived. Thank you Ms. Watts for sharing your story!

"What Ms. Newton did was beyond meaningful to staff and demonstrated to our job candidate that Georgia Southern is an incredibly caring place...you stop and help someone from the Eagle Nation family...even if you are 20 miles from campus. I
was personally very touched by her care and willingness to be such a good ambassador from Facilities."

Pictured from left to right: Emily Savoie, Emma Newton, Tierza Watts

Do Right!!

Two of Facilities Services staff members were traveling down Old Register Road recently when they came upon three brand new tires. **Mr. Blake Hicks** (Electrician) and **Mr. Daniel Shuman** (Electrician) took the tires to Central Receiving. After an investigation the staff at Central Receiving were able to locate both the company and the driver. The tires had fallen off the delivery truck and the driver was elated to hear the property was located. "Many thanks to Blake, Daniel and the staff in Central Receiving for taking Coach Russell's words "DO RIGHT" to heart. Had it not been for their attention and honesty, that drive may have had to pay for the loss."

**JOHN W. OGLESBY**, GCPA, GCPCA
*Director, Procurement and Contract Services*
Environmental Health & Safety

What Impact Did You Have?

Did you know that April is Earth Month? University campuses across the nation all participate in sustainable activities to bring focus to the mission of preserving our planet. During Earth Month Georgia Southern’s Center for Sustainability and University Wellness Program partner to bring to the university the longest running No Impact Week in the country.

For one week Georgia Southern University urged students, faculty and staff to reduce their impact on the plant. The week aims to make individuals more aware of their consumption of: trash; food choices; transportation choices; energy use; water use and encourage them to give back to their community.

One highlight of the week was the unveiling of the University’s first electric vehicle (EV) charging station located at the University’s Office of Parking and Transportation. The Department of Facilities Services and The Department of Parking and Transportation used funds made available from Student Sustainability Fees to install the first electric charging station on campus.
Good Housekeeping

Maintaining a clean, clutter-free and organized work site is vital to the safety of all students and employees, regardless of whether you work with chemicals, heavy machinery or manage documents. Slips, trips and falls are the most common types of unintentional injuries in the work place. They often result from tripping over loose materials or poorly organized supplies such as tools left in aisles and work areas. Wet spots, oil and grease on the floor, trash and poorly stacked boxes can lead to accidents and injuries.

How do we maintain a clean work environment? A good method to learn from is the 5S (Sort, Set in order, Shine, Standardize, Sustain) model. To learn about the 5S model, [Watch Video](#).
Let us remember it is everyone's responsibility to keep their areas and the items they use safe, clean and organized. Let us all encourage good housekeeping as a way of life in the Eagle Nation and not just as a special activity. To read more on Good Housekeeping, Click Here.

DFS Welcomes Mr. Emmanuel Winful
Mr. Emmanuel Badu Winful is currently the Occupational Safety Manager at Georgia Southern University (GSU) since April 1st. He assumed this position to serve as the Right-to-Know coordinator, help develop a safety culture and implement safety programs for GSU. Mr. Winful is originally from Ghana, West Africa where he obtained his Bachelor of Science - Biochemistry from the University of Cape Coast (Ghana). Mr. Winful worked in Ghana in the mining and environmental sector. While working in these sectors, he supported the development and implementation of safety policies and programs such as chemical hygiene plans, laboratory safety, Personal Protection Equipment and waste management.

Mr. Winful completed his Master of Public Health in Environmental Health Science from Georgia Southern University (GO EAGLES!). Prior to taking his current position, he was with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection as an Environmental Specialist managing operations in South and Southwest Florida.

Mr. Winful is a calm and people-oriented person with a safety focus. With the Eagle Nation being on his heart, he is committed to serving GSU and ensuring all
faculty, student, staff and visitors feel safe on campus.

Business Operations

Retirement

Many congrats are in order for both **Carroll Jenkins**, Plumber, and **David Faircloth**, Director of Facilities Planning Design & Construction as they celebrate retirement.

Student of the Month

**Shitria Biswas** (left), Student Worker for Facilities Services Business Operations, was awarded Student of the Month on April 11 by Jasmine Wilson (right), Human Resources Coordinator.
Student of the Year Nomination

David Ramos, Graduate Assistant in Business Operations, was recently nominated as Student Employee of the Year. Mr. Ramos is learning Accounting functions within Facilities to prepare him for Accounting. Mr. Ramos has been awarded an internship with Gulfstream this summer and Facilities is fortunate to have him on the team!!
In Loving Memory of Jay Rawls

Mr. Jay Rawls passed into eternal rest on Wednesday, April 13, 2016. Mr. Rawls worked in Equipment Transport Services for approximately six years. Always smiling and laughing, he loved his family and enjoyed working as a Delivery Worker for Georgia Southern University.
Links of Interest

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