Greetings! Winter is still with us, but it won’t be long before Spring appears. I’m not a big fan of these shorter, colder days so I’m eagerly looking forward to the coming change of seasons. It will be nice to see more outdoor activity and more people enjoying the beauty of our campus.

This University functions so well particularly because of the contributions that our 325 team
members in Facilities Services make every work day. So let me take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to everyone on our DFS team for all the contributions you make to the success of the University.

I want to say a special thanks to several of our team members who have retired this fiscal year. I'm always impressed by the number of people on our team who have served the University for many, many years. My thanks go out to Louise Campbell, Dollie Dyches, Douglas Gray, Gary Harron, and Patricia McCracken upon their well­earned retirements. These dedicated individuals have contributed a combined 67 years to Georgia Southern University. We will miss them and wish them all the best in the years ahead!

Please let us know how we are doing! The Facilities Services Customer Satisfaction Survey link is provided below. Please take a few moments and provide us with feedback. I'd like to close with a few words about workplace safety. We have a very good safety record here in Facilities Services, but even one workplace accident is too many. All of us need to make a habit of thinking ahead and looking for the situations that have the risk of causing an accident or injury. By knowing what's coming, we can usually take the common sense steps needed to work safely. People are our best resource – ALWAYS WORK SAFE !!!

Marv
Marvin D. Mills, Jr.
Associate Vice President for Facilities
What is MRR?

University System of Georgia (USG) institutions receive funding annually from either the Georgia State Finance and Investment Commission (GSFIC) or State Appropriations for capital facility repair and rehabilitation. These funds are called Major Repair and Rehabilitation Funds, more commonly referred to as MRR funds. MRR projects focus on the preservation and rehabilitation of existing plant investment. This includes the repair of and replacement of critical building and utility system components and the general repair and renovation of existing facilities to preserve, upgrade and/or make functional changes. MRR funds may not be used for auxiliary facilities, for non-state owned facilities, or for leased facilities. Georgia Southern's MRR allocations over the past fiscal years are:

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A current MRR14 project underway is the ADA ramp addition to the Marvin Pittman Administration building. The American Disabilities Act (ADA) ramp will provide building entry to individuals requiring wheelchair access. The new ramp will replace an aging mechanical lift. This MRR project is managed by FPD&C's
Architect Bonnie McMakin and is budgeted at $81,075 and construction began January 21, 2015 by Paul S Akins Co Inc. of Statesboro. The new ramp is scheduled for completion by March 22, 2015.

Pictured above: Anthony Shubert - Paul S Akins Co Inc.

Do What You Say, When You Say Award
Garbutt Construction Company 2014

In January 2015, William Cone, Construction Project Supervisor received the Do
What You Say, When You Say Award from Garbutt Construction company. William was one of six nominees across the state and the first Georgia Southern employee to receive the award. The third annual award was presented by Sean Moxley, President of Garbutt Construction for the Hanner Fieldhouse Structural Repairs project.
Capital Project Updates

Shooting Sports Education Center: According to Project Manager William Cone, the building slab will be poured on March 4-5 and the metal building will be delivered to site at the end of March. It will take 4-5 weeks for the building to be erected and the SSEC is scheduled for a June 4, 2015 completion date! For more information, please contact William Cone at willcone@georgiasouthern.edu.

Project Manager Sandi Wilkinson provided this update on the Health Services Center. The first floor slab has been poured and Juneau, the contractor is erecting steel this week. This project is scheduled to be completed on November 27, 2015. To watch the project's progress click on the video below! Sandi's email address is swilkinson@georgiasouthern.edu if you would like more information.
Facilities Operations

Museum's Lecture Hall Upgrade

Facilities Electrical Shop and Paint Shop collaborated to upgrade the Museum's lecture hall. The Museum is enjoying its new space featuring an exhibit of Camp Lawton. As part of this project, Facilities staff spent 3 days and 80 hours to

- Remove old fluorescent strip lighting
- Install new energy efficient LED track lighting
- Patch and paint for an improved display space
Debbie Gleason, Assistant Director, GSU Museum provided the following note of appreciation to Facilities staff:
"Fabulous, fabulous, fabulous work by you, your team and the paint crew, who miraculously painted the ceiling in the dark! "This is such an improvement, and you all helped transform this old lecture hall into a real exhibit gallery!! And all on schedule in time to showcase to the state Museum Conference last Wednesday!! A huge thank you to you all!! With much appreciation from the whole museum family!!"

2015 Merit Awards of Excellence
At the Staff Service and Merit Awards of Excellence Ceremony on Thursday, January 8, 2015 two Facilities staff were chosen from 49 nominees to receive the 2015 Merit Award of Excellence. Patricia Eason and Harvey Billups were presented with a medallion and a monetary award of $1,000 each at the ceremony. Fellow staff members wrote in the following comments as they expressed appreciation for Patricia and Harvey:

“Patricia is like a ray of sunshine when she enters our building. I look forward to seeing her each time she’s here, and miss her when I don’t see her. She’s such a sweetheart!”

“Harvey knows how to get the work completed in a timely manner with his employees without making them feel stressed. This person brings a quiet resolve to every situation. He never seems flustered even in the difficulties of managing a $12 million dollar operation. The calm demeanor this individual displays under pressure gives confidence to fellow employees.”

Teamwork At Its Best!

Electrical Shop employees Roy Brannen and Craig Brannen team up with HVAC shop employee Eric Miley to make emergency repairs to the electric boiler at the Information Technology building which is 139,000 square feet. The 480V boiler
supplies hot water to the IT Building. Facilities staff repaired this boiler and hot water was restored in 3 hours.

Environmental Health & Safety

Fire Extinguisher Training
On January 23 and 26 the Statesboro Fire Department taught a class on kitchen fire safety including hands on training using a fire extinguisher. Pictured above are Chris Colson - Prevention Chief with a Nutrition and Food Science student at the School of Human Ecology.

GSU Recycling Team

Meet the Georgia Southern Recycling Team who services recycling bins on campus! In order to cover campus daily, Holly Shuman services 28 buildings, Brett Monroe 24 buildings and Lester Foreman 25 buildings. The University Park is serviced weekly and City Campus is serviced monthly. The team empties recycle bins full of paper, plastic, cardboard, and aluminum and recyclables are picked up by Bulloch County.
Pictured above: Brett Monroe, Holly Shuman, and Lester Foreman
Employee Spotlight

Ever wonder who repairs and services our state operated vehicles? Ever wonder who cut and issued your key to your office and building? We would like for you to meet Billy Brannen and Barry Hackle!
Billy Brannen
Auto Mechanic Supervisor

Favorite Girl Scout Cookie: Tagalong
Nickname: Handyman
Favorite Movie: Smokey & The Bandit
Years at GSU: 6
Hobbies: Hunting & Fishing
Best Part of Job: Low Stress
If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be? Hawaii or Australia

Barry Hackle
Locksmith Foreman

Favorite Girl Scout Cookie: Tagalong
Nickname: Hackleberry
Favorite Movie: Dark Knight
Best Part of Job: Great Coworkers
Years at GSU: 29
Favorite Sports Team: Braves
If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be? Bahamas
Caught in Action

Top Left: Betty Kennedy, Custodian; Top Right: Randy Parker and Tracy English, Carpenters; Bottom Left: Michelle Stewart, Interior Designer; Bottom Right: Chris Littleton and Tracy Rushing, Groundskeepers

New Hires & Promotions
Left to right: **Megan Bowen** (Administrative Assistant), **Zachary VanOtteren** (Labor Supervisor-Landscape Services), and **Kerrin Allen** (Custodial Supervisor)

Not pictured: **Anna Barnes** (Custodian 2nd Shift), **Linnet Grant** (Custodian 2nd Shift), **Gwen Roberts** (Custodian 2nd Shift), **Kalen Sheppard** (Custodian 3rd Shift), **Michael Gerwig** (Labor Supervisor-Landscape Services)