Construction Updates

School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Construction work continues at the new School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Construction crews are busy completing mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and networking systems. Furniture has been moved in the administrative area’s and the first of a series of staff and faculty moves is scheduled for May 25th.

Earth Day Expo: Making UND a Greener University

On April 20th, UND hosted its annual Earth Day Expo. Deb Merrill, the Facilities Recycling Representative, ran a recycling booth on behalf of the department. “I talked a lot of trash” joked Merrill, when speaking about the event.

The event packed the Memorial Union walkways during its two hour event. In all of her years working this expo, Merrill claims, “this year was the best year yet!” Students, faculty and staff flocked to the recycling booth, where they received an abundance of information, including a detailed list of the recycling that takes place at UND, storm water facts, paint disposal, hazardous household wastes and “Ten Ways to Care for the Earth” bookmarks. Along with information, Merrill also handed out pencils recycled from old jars, pens recycled from cardboard, keychains and other knick-knacks to the booth’s visitors.

If you missed the expo and would like to learn more about recycling at UND, please contact Deb Merrill at 777-4878 or email debbie.merrill@und.edu.

Staff Spring Fling

On April 28th, some of the Facilities staff enjoyed free lunch at the Annual Spring Fling Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

The concept is to “flip” the course – that is, lectures are shared outside of class through various multimedia technologies; and the collaborative homework is undertaken in a flexible classroom setting. Students can learn from each other, with the faculty member there as a “Guide on the Side”, engaging with the students in neat rows of chairs, eyes on the instructor. This pedagogy is inconsistent with today’s learning styles and with the opportunities provided by new technologies and collaborative learning environments.

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Annual Spring Clean Up Week to Take Place May 2nd-6th

The annual Spring Clean Up Week is May 2 – 6, 2016. During this week crews will go by every residence in Grand Forks and pick up any extra items placed on the curb for collection.

- Have your garbage out by 7 am on your regular garbage day.
- Put your extra trash by the normal place on your regular garbage day.
- Please leave room next to your garbage can so the regular garbage truck can complete its route.

Residents can also take extra trash to the landfill for free during Spring Clean Up. The landfill will have extended hours from 7:00am-7:00pm, May 2-6.
Sidewalk Between Leonard and Witmer Halls Will Close May 15 Through Aug. 16

Please be aware that the sidewalk area between the north side of Leonard Hall and Witmer Hall will be closed from May 15 through Aug. 6. This closure is required to support construction activities in Leonard Hall and the new CEC. The landscaping between Witmer Hall and Leonard Hall will also be upgraded during this period.

This shutdown will extend from Cornell Street to the east side of Upson II Hall. Emergency egress from Witmer Hall and Leonard Hall will remain open or be redirected during this period. Thank you for your assistance.

Reminder to Trades Staff

As we approach the end of the semester and begin our summer work please remember that during this transition we all need to ensure that when we do work within a building or room we leave it as clean as we found it. This is especially true within the Housing areas as the BST staff will be cleaning the areas in preparation of summer camps’ activities. The first impressions made to all our summer visitors are very important. Thank you all for your help.

Annual Years of Service Luncheon

Please save the date for the annual Years of Service Staff Luncheon on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 from 11:30am-1:30pm at the Memorial Ballroom. Employees receiving a service recognition should pick up their free ticket as soon as possible. All others will need to purchase their ticket from the Human Resources office in Twamley.

Academic BST News

On April 18th Core Consulting was on site for 5 days to help develop a Master Plan for the Academic BST area. They spent many hours interviewing the Supervisors and myself to make sure all of data was clean.

This was the final step before we work on the service runs which we will present to that the BST Staff in the very near future. I want them to hear the details first.

There are 4 new buildings coming on line in the next few months. The Medical School will start moving this month with Robin Hall and CEC following close behind.

We are adding just under 500,000 additional square feet to be cleaned. We are also in the process of recruiting new staff to service these new areas and ordering equipment and supplies for the New Med School, CEC and Robin Hall.

It will be a busy summer for us.

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Supply Stock

The following parts as of March 20th, 2016 have been depleted to zero and their status has been changed to OTHER. They will no longer be ordered for Supply stock.

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Housing BST News

The HC BST staff are busy getting ready for the end of the semester. On May 13th summer hours will start: 6:30-3:00.

All HC BST staff will be working Saturday to get Noren Hall and University Place ready for summer occupancy. There is a short time frame for the staff to get all the work completed and the buildings ready for the summer camp and conference groups arrival.

Always remember to work safe. Use a ladder when needed. Staying hydrated and drinking plenty of fluids is very important when working in hot conditions. Using a fan may help. When carrying or moving heavy or awkward shaped objects ask for help. Any safety concerns or if there are any other problems that occur please contact your supervisor, work lead or manager right away and they will assist you.

-Chris

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Staff Senate Elections

Elections just concluded for our 2016-17 Staff Senate. We will welcome our new Senator’s at our May 11th Staff Senate meeting. Election results will be announced in the near future through the U Letter once all Senators have been confirmed.

Staff Development – Spring Tour:

Staff Senate is hosting one final for the Spring semester: Learn About & Explore the UCLC Outdoor Classrooms! Come out and learn more about our University Children’s Learning Center (UCLC) Outdoor Classrooms on May 5, 2016. 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM. While you visit you will learn about the Center’s history and how the Nationally Certified Nature Explore Outdoor Classrooms enhances the learning and development of the young children enrolled in the program. Participants will be able to join the children as they engage in play in the various learning areas and be able to witness the learning as it comes to life. Teachers will be on hand to provide explanation about the learning and development that occurs in each area. Please dress for the weather as you will be outdoors during this session.

Register online through Learning & Development.

Staff Happens Newsletter:

Staff Senate is pleased to release our Spring 2016 Staff Happens Newsletter. You can access the newsletter by clicking here or visiting our website at und.edu/staff senate/und.edu/staff-senate and click on documents.

Attend a Staff Senate Meeting:

The full Staff Senate meets the second Wednesday of every month from 1:00 to 2:30 PM. These are open meetings and anyone who may be interested is encouraged to attend. There is an opportunity at every meeting to address matters arising. All meetings and agendas are posted on the Staff Senate website.

Seeds for Staff Success

Seeds for Staff Success is a program developed by UND Staff Senate to provide benefitted UND staff members with a source of funding for expenses related to continuing education and professional development. Recipients may be awarded funding for a variety of opportunities including but not limited to conferences, workshops, NDUS courses, travel expenses, textbooks and materials. Application deadlines occur on February 15, June 15 and September 15. Applicants may apply for up to $500 in funding per calendar year (January 1—December 31). To learn more about the Seeds for Staff Success application, please visit the UND Staff Senate website.

Staff Senate welcomes your questions and ideas

Please visit our “Suggestion Box”, located on our UND Staff Senate website to submit your feedback, questions, or ideas. Staff Senate reviews all “Suggestion Box” items at their monthly meetings and posts all responses to the “Suggestion Box” items on the Staff Senate website post meeting.

Payroll Deduction:

If you would like to provide additional support for the UND Staff Professional Development Fund, it’s easy! Sign up for a payroll deduction – even $1 per pay period helps. Every dollar creates a big impact! To access the Payroll Deduction form, please visit the UND Staff Senate website and click on the Payroll Deduction pdf.