Our Mission: Facilities Management makes UND Exceptional by committing to fiscal responsibility, outstanding customer service and excellent workmanship, and by delivering clean and comfortable buildings and exterior spaces that are aesthetically pleasing.

**UND Master Plan - Open Forum**

**Unveiling a 30-year Campus Vision**

UND Campus Master Plan 2018
All are invited to an open forum on February 8th @ 12pm in the Union Lecture Bowl for a one-hour discussion on UND’s vision for the future.

Please join SASAKI Inc. (campus planner) for a presentation related to the ongoing decisions concerning a phased approach to a 30 year vision that includes:

- Student Life
- Classroom Information
- New/Future Capital Projects
- Mobility Transportation Network
- Campus Core Options

**Energy and Sustainability—Michael Nord**

Energy costs are a significant expense the University pays each month, much like your own residence. Everyone can influence the efficiency of the buildings we work in. Making sure lights are off, temperatures are appropriate, doors are shut, faucets are shut off, to name a few. Be mindful of Energy opportunities as we perform our tasks and report any opportunities for improvement. For the 71 buildings that Level II energy assessments were completed on the average energy consumption is 46% higher than the Energy Star Median for similar buildings. Also remember that creative and innovative thinking can have a reward, up to $4000, when submitted through the State Employee Suggestion Incentive Award Program. We encourage you to make suggestions of possible opportunities to your supervisor or contact Michael at 777-2333 or email to:

michael.k.nord@und.edu.

More information about the State Employee Suggestion Incentive Award Program can be found at [http://und.edu/finance-operations/vpfo/employee-suggestion-program/employee-suggestion.cfm](http://und.edu/finance-operations/vpfo/employee-suggestion-program/employee-suggestion.cfm)
Employee Spotlight:
Mike Pieper - AVP for Facilities

What do you like about working at Facilities?
The people and variety of work. UND like most old public higher education institutions have a lot of deferred maintenance and updating that needs to happen. UND in my opinion is one of a handful of institutions that has quantified its needs and is willing to discuss the changes needed to keep UND a flagship institution, and that energizes me and motivates me to come to work every day.

What is the funniest thing you have seen/experienced at work?
I used to work next to an army base in a very old building, every time a mortar would explode my office would shake and dust would drop from the ceiling. It would surprise me every time.

Before working here, what was the most unusual or interesting job you’ve ever had?
I was a pool boy in Lake Geneva, WI just North of Chicago. Lake Geneva had a lot of old “castle” like mansions, some valued at over $10 million. I would have to clean all the pools on Friday before the owners arrived after work from Chicago for their weekend at the lake.

Tell us a little about yourself and/or your family.
Born in St. Paul (youngest of 5), but grew up on my family’s 100+ year old family dairy farm in Southeast Minnesota. I have been married to Jennifer (Jessie) for 22 years and have four children (Emma 17, Josh 15, Nolan 13 and Oliver 8).

Tell us something about yourself that would surprise us.
I was a public sector Chief Financial & Operations Officer for over 20 years working with facilities, human resources, technology, finance, food service, transportation, housing and parking. I would get 80% of my enjoyment from working with facilities so about four years ago I started working as a Chief Facilities Officer full-time. I have been working in higher education for 10 years.

Motto or personal mantra?
Good leadership fix problems, Great leadership develops sustainable solutions.

What do you like to do in your spare time: hobbies/interests, etc.?
Family road-trips, fishing for walleyes, hunting and remodeling houses.
Warehouse Update

Battery Recycle Areas:
Both Nickel–Cadmium and Lithium–Ion batteries have a barrel located in the front of the Receiving area shelving. ALL other batteries need to be taken to the recycle area for disposal. Please do not sit them on the floor of the hallway!!

NEW Processes Coming Soon:
Automated Inventory process using the FAMIS APP.

Surplus changes taking place: In an effort to make sure we are in compliance with State Surplus policies we will be adding to our process for State wide review of surplus assets.

- one week for UND Community Selection
- second week for State Website, AssetWorks, where state wide agencies can pick up items for Free...so check it out, you might find some treasure you need
- Third week for sale on PublicSurplus.com, open to everyone and where you can purchase available items.

Academic Building Services
Hi, from the Academic BS world.
Like everyone we found Christmas break to be very fast and busy. With cleaning in all our area plus doing floor work over at Ballroom in the Union. Speaking of the Union I wanted to take this time to show a picture of the Ballroom floor and say special thank you to Joseph Laporte and James Jerombeck. You guys did an outstanding job on the Ballroom floor, keep up the good work.

In Remembrance—Randy Torgerson
Randall W. "Randy" Torgerson, Housing Maintenance Specialist with Facilities Management, Grand Forks, died unexpectedly Monday, Jan. 15, at home. He was 54.

Randall Wayne Torgerson, the son of Truman and Janet (Kvasager) Torgerson was born in Grand Forks on June 6, 1963. He was a graduate of Grand Forks Central High School and attended UND where he studied engineering. Randy married Janelle Bruski on June 16, 1984.

For the past 6 years he worked at UND in Facilities Management as well as owning and operating Randy Torgerson Remodeling for more than 20 years. Randy married Carol Nolte on May 27, 2011 in Grand Forks, where they currently resided.

Randy loved cheering for the Minnesota Vikings, Minnesota Twins, and UND Hockey. His greatest joy came from playing with his grandkids and watching them play hockey.
Employee Committee Update

January’s potluck was a success. We had over 55 participate and there was a lot of good food and fellowship.

Chili Cook-off is planned for this month: Calling all Chili Cooks—Do you think you have the best chili in town?

Please sign up for a friendly Chili Cook-Off Competition with your Facilities Co-Workers.

Anyone from Facilities can purchase a ticket for $5.00 to sample all the different chili and vote on their favorite. Those with a ticket will also be able to eat a bowl of chili and sides that will be available.

There will be prizes for the best chili (Peoples Choice and Judges Choice)

Sign up to be a Chili Cook or Chili Taster by Wed. Feb. 21st. The Cook-off is set for Wednesday, February 28th starting at 11:30.

Working on details for the combined Awards Day / Picnic this summer. Keep an eye out for more details.

Parking has moved / Admin Office changes

Parking Services has relocated to room 100 in the Facilities building. For parking permit inquiries or to make a payment stop by and see our new location. The Parking Services website can be used to appeal citations, purchase permits, make payments, and for other general parking information. http://und.edu/finance-operations/parking-transportation/

With the Parking move—Admin. office locations have changed as follows:

   Kerrie Peltier—101
   Deb Beck & Madi Chrest – 100 front desk
   Ryan Gatzke – 109
   Josh Rahn—102

FAMIS Update

We will be rolling out a new famis app. in a couple of weeks. There are still a handful of items which need to be tested before roll out. When we roll out the new app, we will do so in small groups of trades.

February Dates/Events

Every Friday: Spirit Day
1st: Employee Committee Meeting
2nd: Evaluations due to Administrator
8th: Master Plan Open Forum
9th: Evaluations returned to Supervisors
14th: Valentine’s Day
19th: President’s Day
21st: Chili Cook-Off Sign-up Deadline
22nd: UND - Founders Day
28th: Chili Cook-Off

Jerry Braaten Retirement

Jerry’s Retirement Open House was held on Thursday, January 18th.

Here are a few pictures from the party celebrating his 42 years of service: