The Facilities Operations Safety Committee has been newly revamped per a written set of bylaws created as a collaborative effort between Facilities, Environmental Health and Safety, and past committee leadership. Committee responsibilities have been broadened in order for it to become an even more integral part of the safety program within Facilities Operations. Members will include all front line supervisors, excluding administrative supervisors, appointed employees from Health and Safety, and other employees who are interested in volunteering for two year terms. The Safety Committee held their first meeting on Thursday, May 30th in the Campus Supply Training Room. The first order of business was to elect officers. Elected as the new Chair was Matt Weaver from Grounds and as the Chair Elect was Gail Hernandez from Work Information.

Newly Revamped Safety Committee

For the third year in a row the Betty Hardin award was presented to a Facilities Operations employee.

Tom is well-respected among his colleagues and I speak for many when I say—congratulations Tom!

He takes the initiative to get things done, takes pride in his work, and quite often he goes above and beyond what is expected.

In addition to his regular shift he has, on many occasions, worked all hours during the night and weekends taking care of emergencies and he does so without complaint.

Though Tom is very down-to-earth and modest about his accomplishments. When he retires June 30th he will be leaving a pair of very large shoes for someone to fill.

Tom started his career here on February 8, 1999, thinking he would work a few years and then move on to something else. Little did he imagine he would be here 15 years or that he would quickly move up the ranks from Maintenance Mechanic I to Utilities Manager currently responsible for 35 employees in Electric, HVAC, Plumbing, and the Steam Plant.

Tom says he has plenty to keep him busy at both his and his Dad’s house for the remainder of the year. He will miss many of the people he has worked with on campus but he will enjoy spending time with his family.

He said he has no definite plans for next year but he’s keeping his options open. Tom doesn’t stay still very long so don’t expect to see grass grow under his feet. All across campus, you will be missed by many Tom!


I am very excited about the revamped Safety Committee and its potential to help Facilities Operations reach new heights in working safely and preventing injury. The Committee has representatives from every area within Facilities Operations who have an in-depth knowledge of daily operations so their combined perspectives can be game-changing when it comes to addressing safety issues. Congratulations to Matt and Gail on their election as the Committee officers. Please encourage and support Matt as he leads the Committee for the next year and all the Committee members as they go about their work.

Dan Durham
Upcoming Events

Safety Day/Employee Recognition Awards, June 12, 2014

The speaker this year will be Mike Perko, Ph.D., MCHES, FAAHE. Dr. Perko is an associate Professor in the Department of Public Health Education. The topic for his speech will be “Using Inspiration Rather than Motivation to Stay Healthy.” This year’s program will be held in the Ferguson Auditorium.

Due to the construction around the Oak tree, lunch for all Facilities employees will be served after the program at Taylor Garden behind the Elliott University Center. Lunch will consist of chicken sandwiches, veggie burgers, corn-on-the-cob, chips, drinks, and ice cream. Attendance at Safety Day is mandatory for all Facilities Operations employees.

Shred-A-Thon, June 13, 2014—The annual Shred-A-Thon will be held from 9:00 am — 1:00 pm in the Walker traffic circle. It is open to all campus employees. If you have items for this event you can put them in the secured shred containers located in the downstairs lobby in the Sink Building. The containers will be taken to be shredded the day of the event. For more information, please contact Ben Kunka at 334 – 5192 or at bakunka@uncg.edu

Happy Anniversary

Kim Mitchell—Facility Services—16 years
Ray Riggins—Facility Services—15 years
Ronald Burkes—Facility Services—14 years
Rickey Craft—Grounds—11 years
Paul Daniel—Facility Services—10 years
Michael Boulton—Utilities—9 years
George Dallas—Facility Services—9 years
Joe Borden—Facility Services—8 years

Marshall Hankins—Facility Services—7 years
Mark Lasley—Buildings & Trades—7 years
Steve Russell—Utilities—7 years
Maria Lopez—Facility Services—7 years
Jay White—Buildings & Trades—7 years
James Taylor—Grounds—4 years
Jim Munro—Grounds—4 years

Kudos...

Erick,
I just wanted to thank you again for all of your help last week while Debbie was out. You are always so prompt when I need help with vendors or receipts and you go above and beyond to help. I really appreciate it and enjoy working with you.
Shelly Booth
Facilities Operations

I write to express our gratitude for Chris Chilton and Andrew Gwyn’s help with our water detection system. We wanted to test our water detection system prior to our art storage vault renovation since at times we won’t have access and be able to visually inspect these areas.

They tested the various zones and honed in on an important zone that has detected leaks as recently as 2012 that no longer worked. They patiently and attentively worked to locate a few issues causing that portion of the system not to work. They kindly worked within our schedule since we had to move valuable artwork for them to access some of the areas, and they were always careful and thoughtful in their work in this sensitive area.

They fixed the zone in the art storage vault and we feel much more confident that the works will be protected with the functioning water detection system in place.

Many kinds thanks,
Myra Scott
Weatherspoon Art Musuem

Shred—A—Thon, June 13, 2014
### Promotions, New Hires, & BEST Employees

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<td>Hal Shelton came to work in the Grounds Department on November 20, 1990, as a brick mason. During his 24 years in Grounds he has been very involved in the many different aspects of the department, from the day-to-day responsibilities to large projects. Hal has been the Acting Assistant Director since July 1, 2013. Congratulations, Hal!</td>
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**Hal Shelton**

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Promotions, New Hires, & BEST Employees
More Good-byes . . . Happy Retirement to All!

Clifton Quick—Clifton, who is also retiring June 30th, came to work in Facility Services at UNCG for a second time on March 17, 2008. He currently works second shift under Ronald Burkes. Clifton started as a housekeeper, was promoted to floor technician, and then to General Utility Worker (GUT). As a GUT on 2nd shift, Clifton works in every building on campus, but he said he particularly likes doing floor work in the new Music Building. He started doing floor work at the age of 18 when he put himself through college at A&T University. Clifton who is also a funeral director and embalmer will continue providing these services at three local funeral homes after retiring from UNCG.

Reatha Simerly—On June 30th, a popular retirement date this year, Reatha will also be leaving us. She came to work in Facility Services on August 29, 2000. She is currently a housekeeper in Moore Nursing, though she has worked in Petty Science and Stone. Reatha works under Jeff Melton but has worked for six supervisors, two Assistant Directors, and with many co-workers during her 14 years on campus. She said she has enjoyed working with the faculty and staff in Moore Building and will miss everyone but she is looking forward to spending more time with her family and friends during her retirement.

Don Shore—Though Don worked in Human Resources at UNCG, he was considered part of the Facilities Operations family by those of us in the department. Don was assigned as a generalist to Facilities Operations when he started working at UNCG in 1999. He worked out of two offices until HR moved from 1100 W. Market Street into the Mossman Building. At that time he moved into Campus Supply full-time. Don had 29 years experience in the private sector in addition to his years of service at UNCG. He had a wealth of knowledge and provided guidance in the area of human resource issues and concerns to many of our supervisors and employees and was always a pleasure to work with.

Don said he has thoroughly enjoyed the working relationships and friendships he has developed along the way with the folks in our department. In his retirement he plans to spend some quality time with his three grandchildren and the love of his life, his wife of 43 years, Marvene.

Benita Peace will be the department’s employee relations contact and Angela Mahoney will be the compensation and classification contact.

May 2014

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