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The Budget for 2005-06

The budget for Facilities Services for Fiscal Year 2005-06 has been submitted. It is basically the same as in the past few years with known and anticipated increases for utilities and some contracts. Known increases include a 50% increase for sewer (\$336,000), a 5% increase for elevator maintenance (\$42,000), a \$9,000 increase in the custodial contract, and a 4% increase in cleaning materials (\$17,000). Anticipated increases include a 3.5% increase for electricity (\$287,000), a 7% increase for water (\$37,000), a 4% increase for natural gas (\$50,000), a 3.5% increase for paper products (\$8,000), a 4% increase for waste collection (\$12,500), and a 5% increase for vehicle rentals (\$24,000). The coal contract will be rebid this coming year and we are anticipating an increase in costs from \$74/ton to as much as \$90/ton, or \$381,000. The increases funded in utilities budgets over the past few years has actually lagged actual costs necessitating an increase of \$533,000 to make up the shortfall that has had to be made up at the end of the last two fiscal years.

Facilities Services has requested the following items for additional funding to assist in bringing up our level of service to the University. Increase the level of cleaning to the same levels that were being performed before previous budget cuts reduced them to the current levels (\$1,810,000/year). Re-establish cyclic maintenance painting (\$1,150,000/year). Increase personnel to help keep up with an ever increasing special project workload (342,000/year). And, one time funding of about \$2,000,000 to address some critical deferred maintenance needs.

The Move

Funding for the anticipated move of Facilities Services to Stephenson Drive was in the list of projects submitted to Governor Bredesen, but it did not make the cut. This project was the 22nd priority on the list of all UT projects for all UT campuses. The first two Knoxville Campus items on the list are in the Governor's budget proposal. These items are \$24,000,000 for a new engineering complex to be built just to the north of Dougherty Engineering, and \$12,000,000 for upgrades to the Steam Plant to comply with new environmental regulations.

The proposed budget also includes maintenance funding for replacement of chillers at the University Center, and much needed masonry repairs around campus.



New General Superintendent of Grounds Ted Murphy "willingly" accepts his new position. He still does not know what he has gotten himself into.

Ted Murphy

By Frank Brymer

Ted is a 1992 graduate of Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Landscape Architecture. He graduated from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1998 with a Masters of Science degree in Ornamental Horticulture. He worked for Purdue University as an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for three semesters and at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville as a Graduate Teaching Assistant for one year. He served the University of Tennessee at Knoxville as an Adjunct Professor of Plant Sciences and Landscape Systems from August 2000 to December 2003.

Mr. Murphy has supervised landscaping crews for nearly five years at three different private landscape architecture companies and six years for the University of Tennessee Facilities Services Department where he has filled the position of Landscape Architect.

Phil Scheurer Retirement

For those of you that have not heard, Vice President for Operations Phil Scheurer has announced he will retire effective September 1, 2005. He will be leaving after 38 years of dedicated service to the University.

Skill-based Training Classes On-going in 2005

by Harry Moore

We kicked off 2005 with the Electric Ladder Diagrams course in January. It was taught by Greg Dixon who is a Systems Integration Specialist in the Industrial Division of Mesa Associates, Inc. as well as an adjunct instructor at PSTCC. A number of folks in Electrical Services constructed the lab equipment which was used in the course.

In March, we will continue the winter semester with Basic Electrical Training. This course will be taught by Don Coffman, retired Electrical Engineer and former professor at Pellissippi State. This course will teach basic electricity fundamentals from definitions such as voltage and current advancing through DC and AC circuit theory and into circuits in practice today.

In April, a class on the National Electrical Code will be taught. Paul Chapman who taught OSHA Electrical Safety Related Work Practices last year will be teaching the course on the 2005 NEC. He is the Electrical Safety Officer at Y-12 in Oak Ridge. The course will teach a common sense approach to understanding the code and how to answer questions on it.

In late May and early June, the Construction Cost Estimating course will be instructed by George Cox who teaches at Pellissippi State. It is a comprehensive course for those who can read construction blueprints. The purpose of the course is to develop the ability to quantify take-off's and costs of materials and labor.

More skill-based courses are planned for 2005. The summer and fall line-up includes the courses listed below.

Summer 2005 – Mechanical Blueprint Reading and Intermediate Industrial Electrical Training

Fall 2005 – Instrumentation & Controls, Programmable Controllers, Intermediate Programmable Controllers

Be on the look out for the sign-up sheets coming to a bulletin board in your shop soon. Remember, all the classes are being taught in Room 110 which has really become the department training room.

Facilities Services Vacancies:

Engineering – Mechanical Engineer
 Steam Plant – Steam Plant Operator
 A/C Shop – Refrigeration A/C Mechanic
 Carpenter Shop – Carpenter (2)
 Electric Shop – Electrician
 Bldg Services – Service Aide II
 Grounds – Laborer, Foreman
 Arena – Service Aide II

Compost Give Away

On March 10 and 11, 2005 Grounds will have a compost give away, noon to 1:00 PM and 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM each day. If you want it, come get it. Go to the grassy area across Neyland Drive from the University Club. Grounds will load the compost in your vehicle. Or, you can arrange another time with David Bayless.

New Faces in Town

By Jennifer Hatcher
 Randy Alfrey – Preventive Maintenance
 Lisa Byson, Building Services
 Jordan Doane, Grounds
 Brock Ellis, Preventive Maintenance
 Lavon Fields, Grounds
 Harvey Finley, Grounds
 Anthony Gray, Grounds
 Jerry Helton, Building Services
 Victor Henderson, Preventive Maintenance
 Sally Hickman, Arena
 James Holder, Steam Plant
 Nolan Houser, Electric Shop
 Jason Hughett, II, Building Services
 Jason Jarnigan, Preventive Maintenance
 Charles Johnson, Preventive Maintenance
 Gregory Lanier, Building Services
 Donual Lowe, Steam Plant
 Carlos Luttrell, Plumbing Shop
 Christian McDaniel, Electric Shop
 Deborah Miolen, Arena
 Jeremy Nicely, Preventive Maintenance
 Jacob Nuchols, Grounds
 Abraham Potts, Grounds
 Joseph Roach, Steam Plant
 Travis Smith, Building Services
 Thomas Taylor, Preventive Maintenance
 Charles Veal, Plumbing Shop
 Walter Welch, Building Services
 Edward Wendel, Building Services
 Jeromy White, Carpenter Shop
 Gerald Wright, Preventive Maintenance
 Juanita Yates, Building Services

Holiday and Closing Schedule:

Memorial Day – May 30, 2005
 Independence Day – July 4, 2005
 Labor Day – September 5, 2005
 Thanksgiving – November 24-25, 2005
 Christmas – December 26-30, 2005
 New Years – January 2, 2006

Lunches with the Executive Director are scheduled for the last Tuesday in each month from 12 noon until 1:00 PM for folks on first shift, and at 5:30 PM for folks on second shift.

Fixtures

Folks that have been around a while
 35 year anniversaries – David Brown & Carl Gann.
 25 years – David Hoose, Ron Underwood, Alan Hill.
 20 years – Jim White, Albert Davis, Terry (TC) Fritts, Ken Keck, Hazel Norris.
 10 years – Jim McCarter, Wally Reed.
 5 years – Wayne Cowden, Sammy Wolfe, Bucky Bayless, Allen Lane.

Movin' On

By Jennifer Hatcher
 Juanita Hardcastle
 Raymond Tinsley
 Bobby Johnson



The Chuck Thompson Awards for outstanding employees were won by David Bayless and Harlan Kinkead.

Be Energy & Environmentally Conscious

Think before you switch – if you are entering a room that has windows and there is enough light from outside to do what you are going to do, do not flip the light switch on. Also, please remember these devices switch both ways – if you turned a light switch on when you entered a room, you can also turn the light switch off when you leave a room.

MOST OF US ARE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO STARTING MOWING SEASON IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

BE SAFE!!!



Another job well done – recently completed circulation desk project at the second floor entrance of Hodges Library.

Movin' Around

By Jennifer Hatcher
 Crendell Wees to St. Plant Operator, Steam Plant
 James Holder to Asst. Gen Maint Cft Worker, Steam Plant
 Dale Abernathy to Carpenter Shop Foreman, Carpentry Services
 Sanders Wood to Senior Carpenter, Carpentry Services
 Richard Hutsell to Senior Carpenter, Carpentry Services
 Jerry Snyder to Maintenance Specialist, Prev. Maint
 Mark Wagner to Sr. Maint Specialist, Prev. Maint.
 Paul Hinshaw to Sr. Maint Specialist, Prev. Maint.
 Terry Miolen to Maintenance Specialist, Prev. Maint.
 Robert Jenkins to Maintenance Specialist, Prev. Maint.
 Grace Payne to Sr. Custodian, Building Services
 Paula Click to Quality Assurance Clerk, Building Services