Facility Services looks at campus custodial service

Facility Services is planning an in-depth analysis of the Custodial Services organization this summer to improve customer service, optimize the use of resources, and develop better communication with the campus.

The effort will focus on establishing definite cleaning assignments and cleaning frequencies for the custodial staff.

Roesell and Kent Associates, a national firm recognized in the area of higher education custodial service, will work with Facility Services. The firm has developed a custodial management system used on many campuses across the country, including several CSU schools.

The system uses building floor plans and custodial cleaning data to develop fair and reasonable cleaning assignments for all custodians, said Facility Services Director Mark Hunter. Assignments will be based on the available staff and prioritized according to health and safety guidelines.

Cleaning frequencies for all categories of work will be published on a new Custodial Services Web site. The campus community will be able to review the cleaning frequencies and tasks they can expect for offices, classrooms, restrooms, hallways and other facilities.

“This creates a better-informed community and aligns customer expectations with published levels of service,” Hunter said.

“Our commitment is to develop reasonable service levels, communicate those levels to the campus community, and be held accountable for those commitments. We appreciate your patience as we manage this process.

“This effort is especially timely,” he said, “as it will allow us to make the most intelligent adjustments as a result of these difficult times of reduced funding.”

More information will be posted this fall on the Web at http://www.facilities.calpoly.edu/Facilities_Planning/.

The 65 employees of Custodial Services maintain 2.1 million square feet of building space.  

Penn State associate dean named dean of Business

David P. Christy, associate dean for undergraduate programs at Penn State’s Smeal College of Business, has been named dean of the Orfalea College of Business effective Sept. 1.

“I am very encouraged by Dean Christy’s experience, ability to work with diverse constituents, and professional exuberance,” President Baker said.

Interim Provost Bob Detweiler said Christy “has extensive experience working collaboratively with the College of Engineering at Penn State in creating programs benefiting students of both disciplines, and he has a strong background in operations and information systems, making him a valuable addition to our polytechnic university.”

“I am really compelled by the Cal Poly philosophy of ‘learn by doing,’ ” Christy said. “It’s consistent with everything we know about how the brain works, and how individuals become engaged with the world.”

Christy holds a doctorate in business administration and a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction from the University of Georgia, as well as a bachelor’s degree in biology from the University of Dayton. His areas of expertise include project manufacturability,

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Leave solicitation

Carmelo Torres, a custodian in Housing and Business Services, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Eligible state employees may donate vacation credit and sick leave to help her remain in full-pay status during an extended leave.

Those interested in donating leave should request a Catastrophic Leave Donation form from solicitation coordinator Janis Eto in Housing and Business Services at ext. 1586 or by e-mail.

Information on who can donate leave is included on the donation form.

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UCTE becomes College of Education

The University Center for Teacher Education is now the College of Education. The change became official in early July, after approval by President Baker.

The College of Education has been reorganized into two units: the Division of Teacher Education, offering the college’s multiple and single-subject credential programs, and the Department of Graduate Studies in Education, offering advanced credentials, master’s programs and doctoral programs.

“We intend to expand our efforts in support of K-12 schools,” Baker said, “and the new College of Education reflects our commitment. A special emerging priority and emphasis of the College of Education is development of science and mathematics teachers who can inspire students to seek careers in engineering, science and technology.”

College of Education Dean Bonnie Konopak said the name change represents the evolution and growth that has taken place in recent years.

“Neither our previous name nor our structure fully represented this growth,” Konopak said.

The College of Education and the College of Science and Mathematics will work together in developing the University Center for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education, established earlier this year.

“We intend to increase the numbers of elementary and secondary teachers we graduate and to ensure that they are especially strong in science and math teaching skills,” Interim Provost Bob Detweiler said.

Other changes under way at the new College of Education include:

- Expansion of the teaching credential programs in math, biology, chemistry and physics.
- A new master’s degree specialization in math and science education in conjunction with the College of Science and Mathematics.

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Campus should be ready to cut electricity use

Facility Services is asking the campus to be ready to help reduce energy use if hot weather this summer triggers a statewide squeeze on electricity.

Should the campus be alerted, Director Mark Hanter said Facility Services will immediately begin curtailing non-essential heating, cooling, and ventilation to selected buildings on campus.

Because of stronger economic growth, the California Energy Commission is projecting higher summer electricity demand than it did earlier this year. At the same time, less electricity will be available from the Northwest because of transmission-line repairs.

If there is a need to cut back, Facility Services will e-mail building contacts with suggestions for reducing energy use, including turning off unnecessary lighting and office equipment, turning off personal heating and cooling equipment, holding class outdoors and opening windows. □

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technology commercialization, and simulation modeling for production planning.

He joined the Penn State faculty in 1983, serving as an associate professor of management science. He was active in research in strategic decisions as well as production planning and control in manufacturing organizations. Christy was chairman of the Management Science & Information Systems Department before he became associate dean for undergraduate programs.

More information about Christy is at http://cold.smeal.psu.edu/facultybio/facultybio.cfm?id=cti. □

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- The recent addition of the Cotchett Endowed Professorship, just filled by the hiring of Shirley Magnussen, associate professor in science education.
- The recent addition of Cotchett Scholarships.
- The current construction of the Cotchett Math and Science Education teaching lab. □

Position Vacancies

STATE The official listing of staff vacancies is posted on Cal Poly's online employment system, www.calpolyjobs.org. To apply, go to that site and complete the online application. Applicants needing computer/Internet access and assistance may contact Human Resources at ext. 2236 for information on available resources.

#100259-Administrative Support Assistant I, Student Affairs, Health Services, two positions, temporary, intermittent on call through 6/30/05, $10.93-$15.84/hour. Open until filled; review begins July 29. □
#100330-Administrative Support Assistant II, Student Affairs, Career Services, $2,273-$3,409/month. Closes Friday (July 23).

Canine calendar to benefit journalism students

Photos of dogs belonging to faculty and staff members of the College of Liberal Arts grace a new academic-year desk calendar on sale at El Corral.

Profits from sales of the calendar of teachers' pets will help buy a new computer for journalism students to use in the department's reading room. The $4.50 calendar begins with September 2004 and goes through August 2005. □

Miller named interim chair

Tad Miller has been named interim chair of the Accounting Area in the Orfalea College of Business for fall quarter. Recent chair Mary Beth Armstrong has retired. □

Housing Corp. to meet

The next public meeting of the board of directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corp. will be at 9 a.m. Aug. 13 in Room 124, Foundation Administration Building.

A copy of the meeting agenda will be available for review in the Foundation Administration Building during the week of the meeting.

For more information, call Housing Corp. Managing Director Jim Reinhart at ext. 1131. □

Cal Poly Report schedule

The summer Cal Poly Report appears online every other Wednesday. Articles should be e-mailed to polynews@calpoly.edu with the subject line "For Cal Poly Report" by 4 p.m. the Friday before publication. For more information, call ext. 1511. □