

# Staying Connected with Campus Services



Our first DEI engagement session was held this week with FO&M managers and supervisors. Great discussion, everyone! **Please note:** there are no alternate sessions scheduled. If you can't make it to your assigned session, please attend another session with a different area of the division.

## Upcoming DEI Sessions

The next phase of DEI engagement sessions is underway. Here is next week's schedule for staff and management sessions See our [DEI website](#) for more details.

### Staff sessions:

1. Tuck Dining: Mar. 9, 9-10:30 a.m. at Frantz II
2. Campus Planning, CS Operations, DPMS, EHS, Hinman Mail, Real Estate, and Transportation Services (choose one)
  - Mar. 7, 10-11:30 a.m. via ZOOM
  - Mar. 7, 2-3:30 p.m. via ZOOM
  - Mar. 10, 10-11:30 a.m., at the Hanover Inn
  - Mar. 10, 2-3:30 p.m., at the Hanover Inn

Note: There are no management sessions scheduled for next week. The planned session for Campus Planning, CS Operations, EH&S, Real Estate, and Transportation Services is being moved to March 22 & 23.

## Staff Kudos

From Scott Brown, interim Dean of the College

*Another small note of big thanks to all members of your team who get up early and stay up late to keep the campus safe—unbelievable snow means unbelievable work for your crew—we are dependent on them and grateful for them!*

*Please pass along!  
Warm wishes-Scott*

And from EHS's Ryan Gill to the 2nd shift Custodial Services staff

*I want to thank the custodial staff for their amazing work every day. At 37 Dewey, our office space and hallways are immaculate every day. This is amazing considering the short staff and the salt and snow. I also see this elsewhere around campus but since my office is here I see it every day. Please pass on my thanks to all custodial staff across campus. Amazing people.*

## Powering the Campus

Thanks to Power Plant Manager Bill Riele for sharing this article on plant operations.

The power plant provides the campus with steam to heat buildings, heat domestic hot water, and in some buildings, steam can be used in adsorption chillers to cool buildings. The plant also makes electricity and distributes a combination of generated and purchased electric to the main campus.

A group of 16 employees work around the clock to keep the plant staffed. Plant personnel do all the plant equipment maintenance and repairs to keep systems operational and reliable. The plant model is to ensure reliability through equipment redundancy; if a piece of equipment fails there is a standby that can be put online.

Employees have overlapping skills so no one person is indispensable; plant personnel continually train to keep their skills sharp.

All the people in the plant are qualified to stand the main control room watch. The watch standers are not only responsible for our plant operation, but also monitor the campus building energy management systems. After hours (4:30 pm - 7:30 am), on holidays, and on weekends, we take campus community trouble calls for dispatching to the troubleshooters. It is in this role that we interact with the campus community.

Plant maintenance personnel are also responsible for maintaining the steam distribution piping on campus. This is a nice warm weather break from working solely in the plant as we inspect distribution system piping in manholes throughout campus along with performing needed repairs on system leaks. A recent thermographic survey of the distribution system using a drone revealed that the last couple years of leak repairs has paid off with no new major hot spots found.



*The control room panel*