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IMPORTANT CHANGES THAT AFFECT PHPM

Custodial service to be reduced

Beginning January 1, 2009, the Facilities & Real Estate Custodial division will save \$500,000 a year by reducing custodial services in Marquam Hill education and research buildings. Read on for new service levels and a list of affected buildings. Facilities & Real Estate Custodial expresses its thanks in advance for your patience and understanding in the current economic climate.

Cleaning services changed to monthly in offices. Custodial staff will no longer empty small waste containers located under workspaces such as office desks. **Please empty waste containers into a larger container located in any kitchen, lounge, hallway, or common area.**

Changes in ITG

Please go to the following link and thoroughly review all of the information about proposed changes to the way ITG is structured and the supports that they will be (or not be) offering.

<http://weblabs.ohsu.edu/blogs/staffnews/2009/01/16/itg-announces-restructuring/>

One important change is that emails 60 days or older can no longer be retrieved through ITG. Emails will still automatically archive. Outlook is already set up to do this. Furthermore, you can still

use the Archive Manager in your Outlook. However, should an email become lost, ITG will not have any way to search through the archives to find your missing email. Therefore, it is a good idea to make a back up (Word document, text file, etc.) of any email that you might be concerned about losing.

The following link: <http://www.ohsu.edu/ohsuedu/central/itg/migration/email/faq.cfm> contains information about the Archive Manager that you may find useful.

Also, the help desk will be changing to the Field Technical Services unit and will still offer tech support but “service response time may be longer as fewer individuals will be available to provide support.”

In addition, please note that the plans for a unified website have been put on hold indefinitely. Training and support for our current site will be minimal. I am currently working on getting the website updated. I’ve only just received my login access and will be working on accuracy first and foremost. I would appreciate any suggestions you have. I would also appreciate information about errors or outdated information that you may bump into while perusing our site.

Finally, please know that I am happy to help troubleshoot any problems that you referred to the helpdesk.

Thank you,

Gloria Harrison

Other planned changes at OHSU (from the 1/19/08 Staff News newsletter)

- *Facilities & Real Estate (FRE)*. FRE efforts to reduce costs will require the elimination of some services, reduction in the frequency of others, restructuring of staff and some charges for services rendered. Details about changes to Transportation & Parking are at <http://weblabs.ohsu.edu/blogs/staffnews/tag/tandpchanges/>. Staff News will include updates about service changes in other FRE units soon. PLEASE NOTE, this means that the “upper” parking and information booth (on SW U.S. Veterans Hospital Road near the intersection with Sam Jackson Park Road) will close on Friday, January 30. Beginning Monday, February 2, the new “lower” booths—also known as the Marquam Hill Information Center (MHIC), at the intersection of SW Terwilliger Blvd. and Sam Jackson Park Road—will be open longer: from 5:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

- *Central Financial Services (CFS)*. CFS savings will come from resizing one large project and reducing or eliminating consultant, travel, and financial fees. Service times may increase for both internal and external customers; specific impacts will be communicated to affected parties.

Human Resources (HR). Staff reductions will require reduced services as well as decentralization, with many HR business partners reporting to unit leaders. Some details about service reductions—to employee orientation, workforce and organizational development and all-employee programs, among others—are available at <http://weblabs.ohsu.edu/blogs/staffnews/2009/01/16/hrs-organizational-development-services-to-change-feb-9/>, with many changes taking effect beginning in February.

- *Marketing & Communications*. The department will be split to provide strategic communications serving all of OHSU, marketing focused on OHSU Healthcare, and fee-for-service event support. Service in many areas, including proactive media efforts, will be reduced and self-service options for customers will be increased. Communication to customers has already begun.

For more information or to read the complete article, visit this site: <http://weblabs.ohsu.edu/blogs/staffnews/tag/directline/>

Have you been published recently? Have you recently presented at a seminar or hosted a lecture? Is there an upcoming event that you'd like to share? Please submit all information for The Liaison to Gloria Harrison: harrisog@ohsu.edu by the 10th of each month.

MPH Program News

EDUCATION UPDATES

By Katie Riley

In spite of snowstorms the MPH track in Epidemiology and Biostatistics is humming along for the year. So far, 15 students have already given thesis presentations and many more are intending to finish by the end of the year. A total of 56 students are enrolled for Winter Quarter. This is comparable to the 55 who were enrolled a year ago in Winter Quarter 2007.

An Internship Orientation will be held on Wednesday, January 21st at 5:15 pm. All students who have not completed an internship are encouraged to attend. Three students who have already completed internships will offer insights and there will also be presentations from faculty and off-campus organization representatives who wish to have students participate in internships with them.

We are also preparing to enter the MPH admissions season. We have had approximately 50 inquiries and these have been divided up among faculty for that personal faculty contact that often makes a large difference in motivating a student to come here. All applications are due by March 2 and the MPH Committee will be conducting reviews online for the first time this year. We hope to complete all reviews and be able to notify students of admission decisions by mid-March so we can be competitive with other institutions. The Greenlick Public Health Scholarship is poised to offer at least one scholarship this year. Applications are due at the same time as admission

applications.

MD/MPH screenings and interviews are already underway. We are limited to 6 first year admissions each year. However, some medical students are applying for admission to the MPH program during the year. These admissions do not count toward our magic 6.

In the Preventive Medicine Residency one new resident will be coming from South Florida. This person already has an MPH. Another slot is still open and interviews will be completed within the next two months. The Residency Advisory Committee will hold a retreat on February 3rd to focus on setting new goals and objectives for the residency. The OHSU internal residency program review is scheduled for the spring. This activity entails making sure all residency records are in order.

In addition to supporting the activities already mentioned, the Education Office has been working on the website design and update and also has been assisting faculty with scanning and placing all readings online with the library. These electronic efforts all take time and need to fit into the normal routines of course scheduling, enrollments, evaluations, and assisting students with their myriad questions. A new Work Study assistant will soon assist with filing, data entry, and processing forms. All this activity happens "behind the curtain" in order to provide smooth support for the department.

SACNAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

By Catherine Gonzalez-Maddux

I recently attended the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) annual conference as a recruitment representative of the SOM and the MPH track in epidemiology and biostatistics. The SACNAS conference provided a valuable opportunity to network with students and professionals from around the country in the fields of science, math, and engineering. I found it very inspiring. As a minority myself, I feel the conference provides a much needed forum for diverse students to share their academic and professional experiences and to support one another in their endeavors. I applaud OHSU's choice to participate in this valuable event which demonstrates their commitment to actively support minority representation in science and math. I am very much looking forward to attending next year's conference entitled "Improving the Human Condition: Challenges for Interdisciplinary Science." Overall, I highly recommend this experience to other students and professionals.



Congratulations Rebecca Marshall and Dan Helfet-Hilliker who welcomed Henry William Marshall-Hilliker on November 26, 2008! Henry, who is described as sweet and mellow, made it home in time for Thanksgiving. Sibling Theo has been curious, loving and not mellow, according to Rebecca and Dan.

