

### **Academic Senate Update Outline:**

The Facilities Committee meets via Zoom on the first Wednesday of each month to stay informed about the latest construction developments and engage in discussions related to facilities and maintenance matters at Grossmont.

### **Contact Information:**

Let's begin with the most effective means of contacting Facilities/Maintenance. (Please refer to the provided sheet.) The FMO Email stands out as the swiftest and most efficient method. This email is distributed to all team members listed here, ensuring 24/7 coverage across various shifts. Thanks to the staggered scheduling, someone will attend to your email, whether it's 9 PM or 6 AM. For urgent matters, we strongly recommend using this email.

The second email, designated for bathroom maintenance, also reaches multiple maintenance personnel. The FMO email will also work for bathroom maintenance requests.

Lastly, you can reach FMO via the provided phone number, extension 7594. While voicemails on this line are checked regularly, response times may not match the speed of the email.

It's worth noting that some faculty and staff may still have outdated emails or contacts. These three provided contacts are currently the only means of reaching FMO. The FMO and operations teams are actively working to eliminate any old classroom flyers or outdated contacts as they come to their attention.

Lastly Facilities wanted you to know that no response or reply to your email or phone requests does not necessarily mean your request wasn't taken care of. Often facilities will send someone out to take care of request right away and may not have time to send a follow up email due to the large volume of daily requests. While they will always try to follow-up sometimes it is not possible to.

### **Building 36 Information:**

Now, let's shift our attention to Building 36, the new home for the Math and Earth Science Complex. The ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for February. Transition into the new facility will take place during the winter intersession. The new building will fully operational for the Spring 2024 semester. It's gorgeous and we are all very proud of it.

However, a quick note: while the fencing was removed a few weeks ago, the building remains closed and securely locked. At present, the building is still under the contractor's liability, and we kindly request that everyone refrains from entering until it is formally transferred to Grossmont. We understand the excitement surrounding this beautiful new addition, but we ask for just a few more weeks of patience before we can all explore it.

### **500s Construction Information:**

Now, let's turn our attention to the next major project at hand: Buildings 51 and 55. (Please see the attached map for reference.) Instead of demolition, these buildings will undergo substantial renovations, akin to the transformation Building 31 underwent a few years ago. Regrettably, they will be inaccessible for classes throughout 2024 and most of 2025.

The majority of classes will be relocated to the portable classrooms in the 100s near the parking lot, with additional portable classrooms being situated in LOT 1, adjacent to the PVAC. The computer labs have already been moved to Building 70, and they've made temporary arrangements for MATH tutoring in Building 55. Afterwards the MATH tutoring will move to the new building 36. Building 53 will undergo minor renovations but will remain available for use during the construction period. To minimize disruption, they will also be erecting a sound wall to separate Building 53 from the adjacent construction site.

Facilities has scheduled a 20-month construction phase, set to commence in March 2024. We anticipate the construction and relocation process to conclude, with full functionality restored, by the Spring 2026 semester. For further clarification, please refer to the attached map

### **Walkway Trenching Information:**

Additionally, the trenching work, currently taking place between buildings 60, 70, and 55 (adjacent to the Java Mart), will extend through the fall semester and into the spring semester. This essential preparation work is in anticipation of the forthcoming major construction project scheduled for the 500s next year.

### **Looking ahead:**

After the completion of renovations in the 500s, the next phase will involve the removal (demolition - not renovation) of Buildings 21, 25, and 26, which currently house the Music and Theater departments. This demolition will clear the way for a brand-new two-story building dedicated to the arts, with Building 21 being specifically designed to accommodate the Music and Theater departments.

### **Other notable updates:**

- Bonnie Ripley and the students of the Conservation Club are working on an Interactive Nature Trail. Her students applied for and received a grant from the National Audubon Society and hope to refurbish native plants and install six large interactive plaques around building 70.
- Fire mitigation/brush clearing required by insurance is currently taking place to make our campus safer.
- Perimeter Road will be finished Summer 2024
- SDG&E Solar Power Connection will happen later this month.
- The bookstore's air conditioning system is slated for replacement this summer. In the meantime, a temporary white AC unit is in place.
- Gizmo's kitchen space is also scheduled for completion this summer.
- Building 42 (the gym) will undergo flooring replacement this summer.
- Power to Building 50 (former adjunct offices) will be disconnected soon, followed by its demolition.