
Campus Planning Newsletter

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Facilities Management and Campus Planning Update

Dear members of the Connecticut College community,

Welcome to the spring semester! Facilities Management and Campus Planning spent the winter break executing essential maintenance and planning pivotal infrastructure renovations to the campus for the upcoming year. Facilities Management continues with daily operations and has attended to steam repairs, HVAC mechanical work, floor care and tree maintenance over winter break. Further updates are provided in the outline below.

Crozier-Plex Pedestrian Connector Project

The project remains in its winter hiatus following the conclusion of seasonal exterior work. Protective fencing along the north side of the Crozier Building will stay in place until spring, when construction on the amphitheater is scheduled to resume. Once the weather permits, we anticipate approximately six weeks of work remaining to complete this more accessible and connected campus space.



Harris Renovation

We are pleased to share that Harris Refectory reopened for operations this past month. The construction team has made significant progress over the winter break and has conducted a thorough cleaning to prepare the space for returning students. New booths have also been installed, and it's anticipated that the majority of the project will be completed this month. The one remaining item will be the installation of the hood system scheduled to be completed this summer.



Switchgear Project

Substantial progress continues on the campus power infrastructure. The new switchgear is now in place and is expected to be ready for utility power in late spring. The new generators and auxiliary equipment has also arrived and is currently being installed.



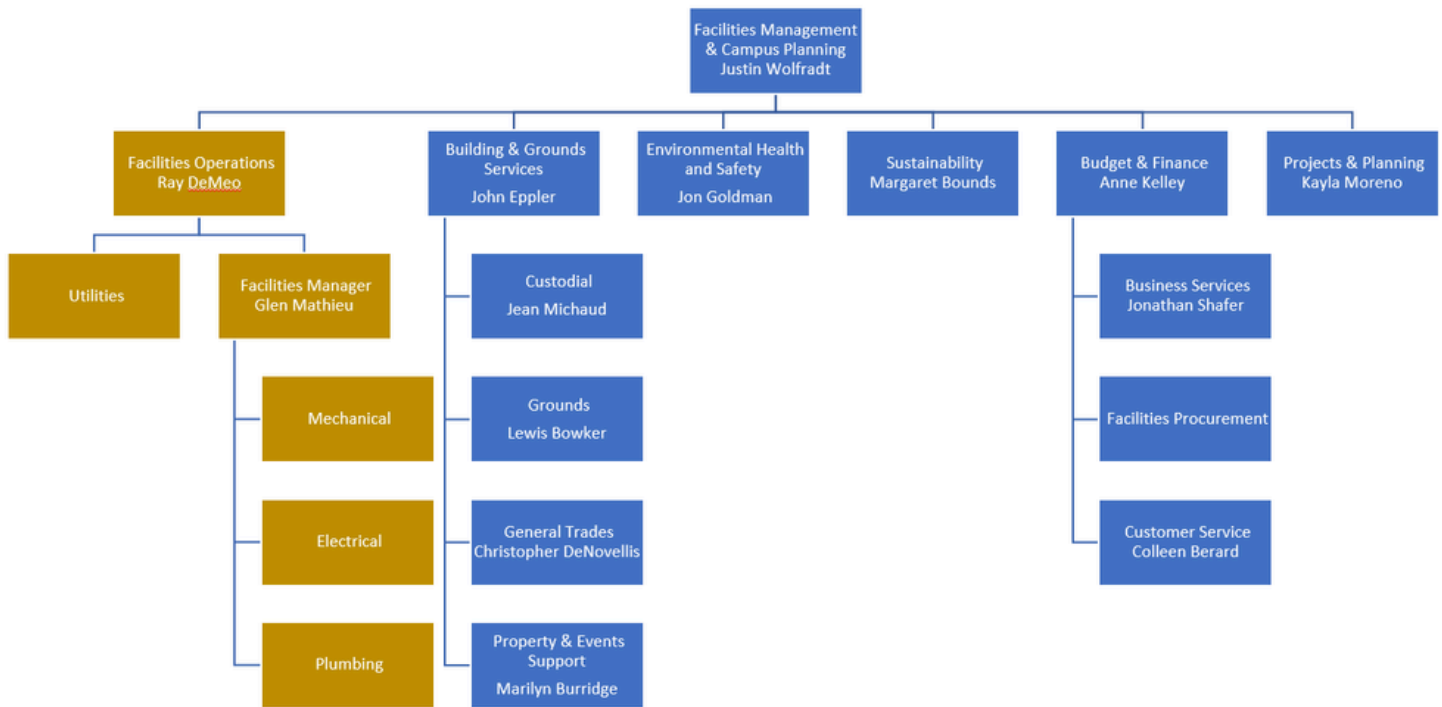
While site preparation is moving forward steadily, we now anticipate the final utility cutover and standby power system testing to take place in the fall of 2026.



Facilities Management

Our facilities team continues to strengthen its ability to support campus needs through ongoing improvements to staffing and operations. Trades staffing has increased from 41% filled to 92% filled, helping ensure more consistent coverage and responsiveness across campus. While these updates enhance capacity and access to specialized expertise, the process for submitting daily work requests remains the same.

This work is supported by a collaborative facilities leadership team that brings together long-standing campus knowledge and broad operational experience. Ray DeMeo, assistant director of facilities, brings over 29 years of experience and holds certified Facilities and reliability manager credentials, along with HVAC and CFC Universal licenses. Glen Mathieu, facilities manager, is a licensed HVAC mechanic with 20 years of experience in facilities operations. Together, they work alongside Facilities staff to support daily operations and advance long-term service goals.



Please continue to submit all service requests through the ticket management system. For follow-up questions or inquiries related to existing requests, email workreq@conncoll.edu.

We are also updating our departmental website to include full leadership profiles, providing clearer points of contact for the campus community. Updates will be shared as these projects progress and as plans are developed.

We encourage you to visit our [website](#) regularly, where project updates, including timelines, logistics, and photos, will be posted.

Sincerely,

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