



Facility Services Fall Project Update August 24, 2022

Block Hall Renovation Project Status Update

- The Block Hall Renovation Project kick-off meeting is scheduled for August 31 at 11:00 a.m. (location to be announced).
- All interested individuals are invited to attend.
- Included in the kick-off meeting will be Dowling Architects, the State of Montana Architecture & Engineering Division, and UMW stakeholders including the Block Hall Renovation Committee.
- The objectives for this first meeting include introducing all of the stakeholders, reviewing the general project scope and timeline, and to begin prioritizing campus needs.
- This will be the first of several scope meetings to be conducted in the next few months.
- Further updates will be provided as the project progresses.

Heating Plant Upgrade Project

- This week and into the next couple of weeks there will be several contractor groups working concurrently on the heating plant project.
- Traffic and parking around the heating plant has been more congested than normal so please avoid this area if you can.
- You will notice that building envelope work has started which involves the removal and replacement of most of the windows in the building.
- The mechanical contractor is installing process piping to connect the new DA and Surge Tank.
- The electrical contractor is running power and lights to the new equipment.
- It is expected we will take our first of several campus-wide steam outages the week of August 29.
- More information will be provided once the date and time of the outage is confirmed.

Campus Interior/Exterior LED Lighting Upgrade Project

- Beartooth Lighting and Design has been selected as the engineering design contractor for this project.
- Beartooth, along with representatives from the Department of Environmental Quality, will be conducting the first of many campus walk throughs on August 25.
- The first objective is to assess the current lighting across campus and prioritize our engineering and design efforts.
- At this point, the top five buildings/areas in terms of priority are: Business & Technology, BARC, Administration/Library, the Student Union Building, and the exterior lighting across campus.
- Main Hall is not listed given the historical nature of the building limits upgrade options.
- Block Hall is not on the list as lighting in this building will be addressed during the renovation project.

Future updates from Facility Services about the projects listed above and other upcoming projects will continue to be provided. For more information, please email UMW Director of Facility Services, Michael Brown: michael.brown@umwestern.edu.