Calcado Unveils New Brunswick Master Plan

“There are very few places in the United States that can lay claim to 250 years of planning. It makes us unique,” said Vice President of University Facilities and Capital Planning, Antonio Calcado. “We are talking about planning for a university that has a 250 year history.”

Calcado recently shared with the Facilities group what the future Rutgers will look like based on the development of a University Master Plan. The specifics of this plan are for the New Brunswick campus. “The Newark campuses did not have Chancellors in place 18 months ago when

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GRADUATE SCHOOL LOUNGE FILLS COMPLEX SPACE

When the housing facility opened on the RBHS Campus in 2006, it was an exciting day for the students studying the health professions. The building—the first residence quarters on the RBHS campus—filled up quickly, but the street level retail space proved a little more complex. Because of unforeseen construction issues, the retail space had lower ceilings than originally specified. The floor to ceiling space measures about 11 feet, but the duct work makes it even lower in some spots, about 8 feet.

Eventually a Subway shop opened, but there was still space left. One section in particular did not have a lot of windows and, as such, would be less than ideal for a retailer. The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS), however, was looking for lounge space for its students. School officials and student leaders were shown the space and agreed it would work for their needs.

Construction on the GSBS lounge started in November 2014, finishing touches are being added, and furniture has been ordered. The transformation of the space was well executed and the big empty concrete block is now gone, replaced by bright walls, vinyl wood-look floors and fresh sheet rock and paint. The ceiling treatment results in an urban chic look: Acoustical tiles provide stylish cover over the duct work, but also reduce noise. The main lounge will have a TV and games; a decorative glass door separates the lounge area from a study hall. The lounge will open in March or April. We will include pictures of the furnished space in a future issue.

CANCER CENTER SHELL SPACE RENOVATIONS COMPLETE

University Hospital needed a new location for its EPIC Healthcare Training space. The new space had to have a waiting area, five medium size classrooms and one large classroom that could be divided into two smaller rooms when needed.

When the Cancer Center on the RBHS Campus was constructed in 2006, raw space on D Level was left available for future expansion. A 10,600 square foot section of that area was dubbed suitable for the new training center, and construction began. The new space includes a waiting area, nominal size classrooms, a large classroom with room divider, a conference room, workstations, a storage room, a pantry, the server/electrical room, restrooms, and circulation space.

A kitchen and pantry, below, is part of the newly completed Training Center, as is a conference room (right) and large roomy waiting areas (bottom right).

At left, a renovated hallway leading to and from the new Training Center. At right, new workstations.
**FACILITIES PLAYS KEY ROLE IN RUTGERS AGAINST HUNGER DRIVE**

The annual Adopt-a-Family program sponsored by Rutgers Against Hunger (RAH) collects nearly 1,000 boxes of food and gifts for distribution to some 14 social service agencies serving 252 families in need.

University Facilities’ Grounds & Operations unit is responsible for picking up most of those donations and delivering them to social service agencies. This year, the staff picked up 900 boxes and delivered to 13 agencies.

The Adopt-a-Family program is one of many initiatives employed by RAH in order to collect and distribute food and other necessities to families in need of assistance. RAH was founded in 2008 and since then has collected over 184,000 pounds of food and raised approximately $211,000 for food banks and pantries statewide. In an email, from Leslie Fenehrenbach, Secretary of the University whose department coordinates RAH, Fenehrenbach said, “We couldn’t be able to run this program without the help and support of Tony Calcado and his wonderful staff. They are terrific to work with and even the social service agencies comment on how wonderful the delivery staff is to help unload and deliver all of the boxes.”

**Great Job Facilities!**

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**HIGH PRAISE FOR FACILITIES CUSTODIAL STAFF**

When someone takes the time too sit down and write a letter of praise for an employee, it is worth noting. In this case, two different individuals took the time to compliment our custodial staff. Their letters follow with minor edits for brevity.

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**COMINGS AND GOINGS**

**Bidding adieu to longtime employees**

Retirement wishes go out to three longtime Facilities employees: Joe Witkowski, Bharati Shah, and Gene Amato.

**Joe Witkowski** was serving as Executive Director, Utilities department. He has been instrumental in saving millions upon millions of dollars through innovative projects as well as through reorganization to maximize efficiencies. His contributions will have an everlasting effect.

Calcolo adds that Witkowski had been an original core team member for over 13 years.

Bharati Shah, Head Accounting Clerk, University Facilities, has retired after 25 years of service. She is pictured with a few co-workers with whom she had lunch her last day. Best wishes Bharati.

Bharati Shah, front left, enjoys a farewell luncheon with co-workers, from top left, Michelle Aronowitz, Doreen Driek, Ghislaine Darden, Madalyn Saed, Phuong Nguyen, and Loretta Deloach.

Gene Amato, who spent more than 36 years in Facilities, has retired after 25 years. Best wishes Gene, and to all of our memories working with Amato and attesting to his value on the Numerose co-workers wrote reply emails recalling their fond evaluations: the Hospital Interior Gutters, East Coast Blackout, and...
ON THE DRAWING BOARD

CALCADO ADDRESSES STAFF UNVEILS NB CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

we started this process. All of our campuses will

students want a large variety of choices in eating

“More retail and amenities are in demand today.

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Frank Wong, Executive Director of University Planning & Development explained the progression.

A master plan from 2003 was a road-map, and not a blue print for campus development over the past 12 years. Our current plan is informed by a university strategic plan. That was not the case in 2003.” Wong also explained that the change in administrations from President Lawrence to President McCormick, and now President Barchi has led to the development of the new University Strategic Plan.

“The current physical master plan shows how we can create a physical environment that supports the strategic vision and fulfills the academic needs of the institution. The current plan, called Rutgers 2030, is the most robust and comprehensive physical master plan effort ever undertaken at Rutgers University in its 250 year history.”

The plan, Center of the Student Experience

includes commuter touchdown spaces. “Commuter

This, we are told, is happening. We are looking at a

Calcado explained that one of the more ambitious parts of the plan is creating a connection between College Avenue and the Livingston Campus. “To make this work and enhance the student experience, Records Hall and Students Services need to be relocated.”

Calcado explained the recent purchase of 33 Knightsbridge Road office building is a big step towards this part of the plan. “Some of these departments will move into Knightsbridge and we will be able to renew this area which would include new housing, a space for all of the cultural centers, and new dining halls. This is where we would open up a footbridge to Johnson Park and a boardwalk to Boyd Park.”

Calcado concluded his 90 minute presentation by saying, “For too many years, we put

Calcado cautioned that because of the historical significance of the Cook Douglass campus, there is a different type of expansion recommended for each campus. “Cook Douglass requires more in the way of preservation of our buildings with upgrades to the interiors. Additionally, there are plans for a parking deck with athletic space on the top floors.”

Other highlights of the Master Plan include more public/private collaborations, specifically the development of a research park which ties into the Livingston Campus. A hotel conference center is back on the drawing board after plans were on hold given the slow economy and its effect on the hotel business. “We have a developer and operator, and while it is still a year or two off, it will happen,” said Calcado. Also on the drawing board, in the same general location, on the Livingston Campus, are

Gloria Tillery Grabs the Gold

Gloria Tillery, Management Assistant, RBHS Cogen Plant, was highlighted in our autumn issue as she was getting ready to take the test for her Gold Seal boiler operator’s license.

Gloria, who came to RBHS in 1995 has steadily worked on her boiler operator’s license, “Gloria

According to Patrick McCabe, Examiner Engineer, at the New Jersey Board of Licensure for Boiler and Pressure Vessel Operators, Gloria is only one of two women that I have

We don’t keep our records broken down by male/female, but I would say there are fewer than 10 women state-wide who have achieved the Gold Seal operator’s license,” McCabe said. “Gloria is only one of two women that I have personally tested.”

Great Job and great example Gloria.

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Project Rise classes, wherein Facilities staff, who are non-native speakers, can learn English and improve their computer skills, have recently grown by almost 50 percent.

With the integration of Housing into University Facilities, the Housing staff is eager to learn or enhance English skills, and take advantage of the other opportunities including computer skills, filling out forms, and help with Citizenship applications for those eligible.

Classes are 90 minutes long and held within the work shift. Interested employees should talk to their foreperson and the foreperson will contact Project Rise instructor, Barbara Meyer at 848-445-2836. The schedule is shown here.

**RUTGERS NETS ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANTS**

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities has approved incentives totaling $1.15 million for Rutgers to implement energy efficiency technology upgrades on each of its campuses. The incentives are provided through New Jersey’s Clean Energy Program™ Large Energy User Program (NJCEP/LEUP).

University Facilities’ Utilities Operations unit, has aggressively pursued these grants in the past, and, in fact, a report from the Environmental Protection Agency estimated that since 2009, these initiatives have resulted in savings of some $41 million in operating costs. This current award is expected to result in an annual savings of over $600,000. The upgrades will include retrofitting lighting and high efficiency motor installations.

“I am particularly pleased,” said Vice President of University Facilities & Capital Planning, Antonio Calcado, “because, under our new structure, Facilities submitted this application on behalf of the entire university system. We have many projects at Newark, Camden, RBHS and New Brunswick. Not only will these projects result in over $600,000 in annual energy savings, but better lighting and by extension a new look in many areas.”

Michael Kornitas, Director of Sustainability and Energy, University Facilities & Capital Planning, added, “The best thing about the LEUP is that the University is able to strategically plan its energy reduction by targeting specific needs on multiple campuses. We know that funds will be available for that plan and that the LEUP’s quick payback period means the University sees a positive cost saving in a short period of time.”

NJCEP incentives of $1,153,952 will offset the total incremental project costs of $1,538,603. When installation is completed, the energy efficient equipment is expected to save 5,145,199 kWh, annually, or the equivalent of electricity savings that would power 620 New Jersey homes.