

Facilities Management Newsletter

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Welcome Back!!

Welcome back as we begin the spring semester. We hope everyone had a restful break and is settling back into the rhythm of campus life. The start of a new term is always a busy time, and Facilities has been working behind the scenes to prepare buildings, systems, and spaces to support students, faculty, and staff. As activity ramps up across the district, we appreciate your patience, communication, and partnership as we continue to keep campus safe, functional, and ready for the months ahead.

Don't forget to go check out the new Center for Learning and Innovation (CLI)!

Facilities Reality Check: How Things Actually Work

As we get back into the rhythm of the semester, here's a quick, light-hearted reality check—based on everyday campus life and a few situations Facilities encounters more often than you might expect.



- “If I adjust the thermostat enough, it’ll eventually cooperate.”

Most campus HVAC systems are centrally controlled. If a space is too hot, too cold, or uncomfortable, the quickest path to a solution is to contact Facilities. That allows the issue to be reviewed, tracked, and addressed by the right team. Most thermostats have a 3° adjustment for users who want things slightly warmer or cooler. Be mindful however, that this will impact you and 2-4 other offices.

- “It’s just one small heater—no big deal.”

Unapproved electrical devices (space heaters, personal appliances, etc.) can create safety and electrical load concerns. If a space isn’t maintaining reasonable comfort, that’s something Facilities should evaluate rather than work around.

- “This area looks finished, so it must be open.”

If a space hasn’t been formally released back to Facilities, it’s still considered an active work area—even if it looks complete. Early access can create safety risks and slow final approvals.

- “I’ll just set this here for now.”

Hallways, stairwells, mechanical rooms, and exit paths aren’t storage—even temporarily. Items left in these areas may be relocated to maintain safe egress and code compliance.

- “Facilities probably handles this.”

Facilities supports building systems, infrastructure, and shared spaces. Personal workspaces, departmental equipment, and individual messes generally fall outside that scope. When you’re unsure, asking first helps everyone.

- “I wasn’t sure who to tell.”

If something seems off—comfort, lighting, access, leaks, damage, or safety concerns—please reach out to Facilities. Early communication helps prevent small issues from becoming bigger ones.

Verde Campus Housing Update

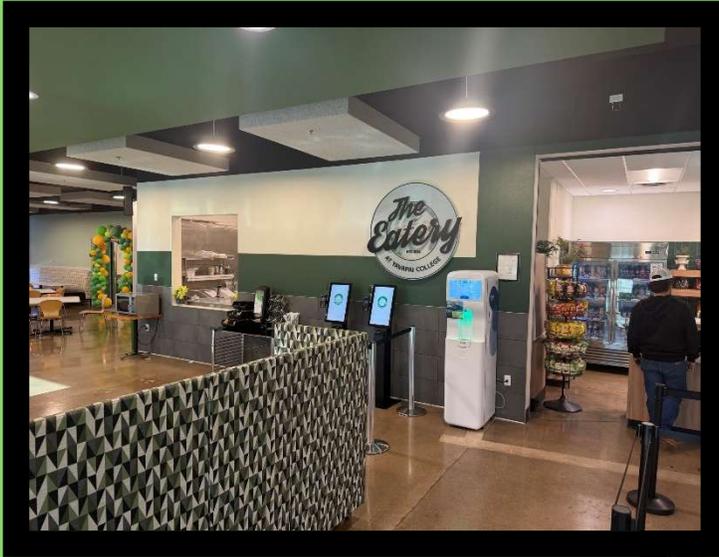
The Verde Campus Tiny Homes have been relocated once again and are now in their final permanent location. With the move complete, the former site will be demolished and cleared to make way for a new turf field and outdoor amenities designed to serve the two adjacent student residential buildings.

Those residential buildings are currently under construction, with foundation work already underway on site. Each building will include six bedrooms with double occupancy, along with in-building kitchens and laundry facilities, providing functional, on-site amenities to support student living. This phase of work represents a key step in transitioning from temporary housing solutions to permanent residential infrastructure that enhances campus livability and student experience.



Eatery Remodel Complete

Over the break, and in what can only be described as record-breaking time, the Eatery storefront received a full refresh. The remodel includes expanded serving space, a new pick-up window, updated drink dispensers, and an overall fresh new look. Thanks to strong coordination and tight scheduling, the work was completed in time for the start of the semester—giving students and staff an improved experience without disrupting operations.



Building 1 – First Floor Admissions & WIOA Update

The first floor of Building 1 has undergone a significant transformation. What was once an open lobby space has been reconfigured into new office spaces and a dedicated conference room supporting Admissions and WIOA. These updates provide staff with functional, purpose-built areas to better serve new and returning students as they navigate enrollment and support services. If you haven't been through recently, check in, check it out, and check where you're going—a lot has changed.



One Last Thought

With new spaces coming online, projects wrapping up, and others moving into their next phases, campus continues to evolve in ways that support students, faculty, and staff. Most of what Facilities does happens behind the scenes—but it only works when communication stays open and expectations are clear. If something doesn't seem right, looks unfinished, or simply feels off, reaching out early makes all the difference. Thank you for your patience during construction, your flexibility during transitions, and your partnership as we continue building a campus that works for everyone.

— Facilities Management