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**To:** College/Departments Unit Executive Officers

**From:** William Bernhard  
Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost

**Re:** 2023 Campus Space Survey

Per federal, state, and local reporting requirements, the University is obligated to conduct a space survey (inventory) every year. This information is subject to the National Science Foundation Survey of Sciences and Engineering Research Facilities, the Clery Act, Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE), the Capital Resource Allocation and Management Program (RAMP), the Real Property Utilization Report, the Campus Profile, the Integrated and Value-Centered Budget Model (IVCB), the Higher Education Facilities Management Association, Facilities and Services (F&S) daily operations and various other reporting entities for examination and inspection of the space information for reporting purposes.

**This letter is to inform you that your unit will be participating in the 2023 Campus Wide Space Survey during the period of May 8 – July 14, 2023.** The results of the survey will be recorded in ARCHIBUS, the University's official space inventory system. Additional information regarding the process is outlined in the "What to Expect – Space Survey Process" section of this letter. Your help with completing the space survey by **July 14, 2023** is very much appreciated.

I also want to take this opportunity to recap a couple of the campus initiatives regarding space stewardship.

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign established the Illinois Climate Action Plan (iCAP) in May 2010 and updated the document in 2015 and 2020. The document outlines strategies, initiatives, and targets toward meeting the stated goal of carbon neutrality by 2050. The targets and strategies detailed in the plan represent a series of commitments the University is making to achieve its sustainability goals, including the Net Zero Space Growth Policy as found in the CAM. I encourage you to review our commitments as outlined in the Climate Action Plan and the Net Zero Space Growth Policy:

- <http://sustainability.illinois.edu/campus-sustainability/icap/>
- <http://cam.illinois.edu/policies/net-zero-space-growth/>

Under our University's budget model, the Integrated and Value-Centered Budgeting (IVCB), there are direct cost assessments to campus units for buildings and space, utilities, and technology. Accurate space use data are imperative for the fair and accurate updating of the budget for each unit.

Units are strongly encouraged to enter their staff office assignments in the People-in-Space section of ARCHIBUS to help effectively manage space on campus. By Summer 2023, Campus plans to roll

out a new hybrid/flex scheduling feature in ARCHIBUS. This new feature is intended to help units better manage space assignments and realize space efficiencies.

Please consider this timely opportunity to evaluate your space inventory carefully and relinquish any spaces that may not be needed for staff that are able to continue to work effectively in hybrid and remote work environments.

### **WHAT TO EXPECT - SPACE SURVEY PROCESS**

1. F&S, Facilities Information Resources Department will provide a 2023 Space Survey user guide for updating your space data through ARCHIBUS web portal “Web Central”.
2. Facility/Business managers from your unit, designated by you, should already have access to Web Central with “view and edit” permissions as part of your College’s ongoing review and space change request process. These existing Web Central accounts may be used to complete the Campus Space Survey.
3. Facility/Business managers from your unit shall update the location of all personnel to meet safety procedures. Facilities Information Resources Department will provide an ARCHIBUS Web Central user guide to assist with adding/updating your employee locations.
4. Upon completion of the survey, a “Space Survey Certification” form is required to be signed by the Dean and/or Executive Officer completing the survey and will be kept on record to fulfill auditing requirements.
5. Updates to the space inventory database system will be reflected in the Enterprise Data Warehouse.
6. A team of F&S staff and students will survey selected areas to validate the data collected.
7. In addition to indicating that a particular space be relinquished in ARCHIBUS, units should complete the Space Release Request Form in the following link: <https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/9247603>. This request will be reviewed by Campus and, upon acceptance, shall be updated in the system.

We appreciate your assistance and collaboration with F&S in completing these important inventory surveys. Any questions can be addressed to Kimberly McLaughlin ([kam9@illinois.edu](mailto:kam9@illinois.edu) or 300-0143) in the Facilities Information Resources Department at F&S (333-0923).

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