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SERVING CAMPUS



F&S operations supporting the far-reaching goals of this global university are ceaseless—every day, all day, without fail, F&S employees serve the campus in innumerable ways.

This was proven during our recent leadership transition, in which I was named Interim Associate Vice Chancellor and Executive Director. We have added other staff, too, including many who you will see in this publication.

I have been with the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign since 1994 (1989 if you count my time at Uni High), and many of my colleagues have a similar depth of experience. I am happy to attest to the unrelenting perseverance of the staff here, working to deliver results to you and our campus community. Just as this university has stood for over 150 years, F&S' vital operational role will continue for the next 150 years, and more! In this publication, you'll see how F&S responsibilities grow, improve, and sustain the campus.

Sincerely,

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BUILD: NEW FOUNDATION HEADQUARTERS

The University of Illinois Foundation is the "official fundraising and private gift-receiving agency" for the U of I System, including the University of Illinois Chicago, and the University of Illinois Springfield. Previously housed in Harker Hall on the Main Quad and other leased space, the Foundation is a separate 501(c)(3) from the university – but its impact has been felt by each student, faculty member, and staff since 1935.

Previously, Harker was used as a chemical lab, and at another time was home to the College of Law, before undergoing renewal funded by private support from the Foundation Board of Directors in the early 1990s to become home to the Foundation for over 30 years. For the first time, the Foundation is able to bring all of its staff together in one location: the University of Illinois Philanthropy Center.

While the construction project was privately funded, the university acted as the "authority having jurisdiction". F&S was involved in the project management throughout the capital project delivery process. Mike Brown, associate director of campus code compliance and fire safety, reviewed the plans as the new building was finishing, and made sure the proper requirements were hit to allow those first workers in. The University of Illinois Philanthropy Center achieved substantial completion on February 6, 2024.





A dedication of the new building is targeted for late June. There will likely be a community open house this spring as well.

One leader at the Foundation, Christy Devocelle, COO/CFO, was grateful to achieve occupancy of the building and recognized Brown and his colleagues in Engineering Services, Kelly Jo Hoffmann, Jake Jakobsson, and Dave Lancaster: "I wanted to send my thanks to you and your inspection team for their diligence, thoroughness, and cooperation as we navigate construction completion and our move. I know this project is a new endeavor for us all, and we've all had some adjustments to make, but in the end, it's been a successful project."

Brown said Devocelle's compliments are "very much appreciated. It always is when you are recognized for your efforts. Code compliance is involved with every project from the idea stage through design and, ultimately, construction completion. The real 'pat on the back' goes to our entire inspections & commissioning team, as they are the eyes and ears for code compliance during construction, ensuring the building is constructed per the design documents and life safety systems are code compliant."

"This is an example of many facets of Facilities & Services working together to bring a project to fruition."

ILLINOIS CHIEF ENGINEERS & FACILITY MANAGERS ONFERENCE

Of the crowd of 60 attendees at the Chief Engineers and Facility Managers Conference, most were from either the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign or another Illinois university or community college. And despite the size and location of the institution, all who came to Champaign for the conference were looking for advice and ready to share a success, particularly with the general concept: how do we save more energy and money and make our institutions more sustainable?

F&S Utilities & Energy Services division members, including Rob Roman, director, Karl Helmink, associate director of energy conservation & retrocommissioning, and Andy Robinson, engineer in energy services administration, detailed a few projects in which an interdisciplinary team goes to a building and improves important building systems and practices. This can include scheduling systems to turn off when a room is not in use. New software, hardware, and switches may be needed to execute. But in the end, savings can be significant.

Funding and manpower were often mentioned as limiting factors; some in the crowd shared other means of applying for grants, rebates, federal acts, and other ways of saving or acquiring money on core utilities, including water and gas.

Hiring is also a common challenge, as voiced by UIC Utilities Assistant Director Cedric Everett. "We're routinely down 15 engineers, and constantly having more retirements, and shifting to significant overtime. We want to implement an apprentice program [like at F&S] to help fill that gap. [Hiring] is a huge challenge and something that we face every day."

The first event was a conversation led by Roman, who "threatened" he'd start singing karaoke if people in the room stayed too quiet—it encouraged many participants! His introduction included how proud he is to work at Illinois and at this time in energy history.
When I got into this business, there was just some new technologies in commercial power," Roman said. "There was coal, nuclear, and a little natural gas, and then
Many F&S experts spoke during the two-day conference, including in an Energy Conservation roundtable, a talk about analytics and advanced scheduling software, dashboards, energy and heat recovery systems, construction design examples, lessons taken from retrocommissioning at a cleanroom, hiring and building the right culture, and document management.

""When I got into this business, there was just some new technologies in commercial power," Roman said. "There was coal, nuclear, and a little natural gas, and then things started changing. What a time to be in this business, because we went from those and now we're thinking about things the Jetsons were thinking about. We're really close to our researchers and we do things at Abbott Power Plant, in the buildings, in the distribution system, that are cutting edge technology. And other universities get to be part of this."









RECENT F&S HIRES

Michael Arnold Building Service Worker

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Tamara Chandler Building Service Worker

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Trever Drake Painter

Marcus Dupee Building Service Worker

Darien Edwards Engineering Specialist

Spencer Logan Edwards Roofer

Brian Finet Management Engineer

Meyah Gatson Building Service Worker

Brandon Lee Gibson Assistant Steam Distribution Operator

Ryan Glazik Painter

Hunter Goodling Automotive Technician Assistant

lan Harp Steam & Power Plant III Richard Hood Steam & Power Plant III

Garrett James Laborer Electrician

Karen Johnson Procurement Officer Assistant

Christopher Jones Building Service Worker

Demarcos Jones Building Service Worker

Steven Keller Building Service Worker

Daira King Building Service Worker

Elmore Leshoure Building Service Worker

La-Keta Maynor Building Service Worker

Andrew McGraw Construction Laborer

Kiona Mclaurin Building Service Worker

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SUPERVISORY POSITIONS



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HITTING THE STREETS SOON: Block I Parking Plates

To all those who drive to campus and use street parking and pay through the MobileMeter app but still see an old school, coin-operated meter in that spot: new bright orange parking plates will replace each meter on campus!

These small, yet brightly visible Block I atop a short pole will show where drivers can park.

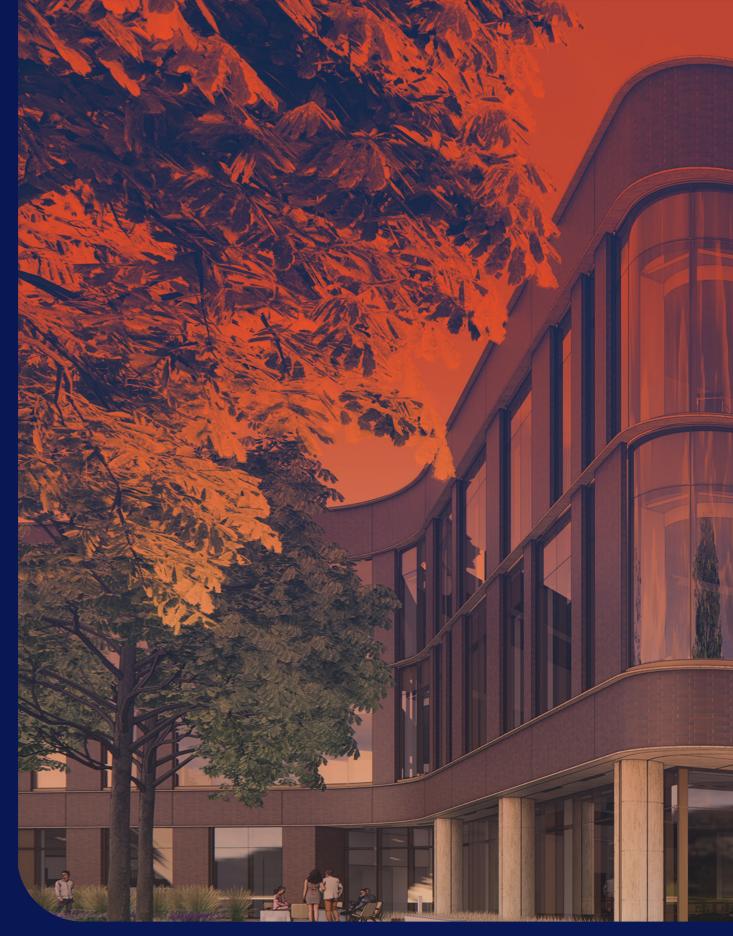
F&S machinists made something from nothing: these steel Block I's were fabricated on a plasma table, turned on a lathe, and slotted by a milling machine. This is regular work for machinists, who often make refinements in the 1000ths of an inch. A vendor in the F&S-led Contractor Services program, located in Charleston, colored the Block I's orange with a powder coating.

The sign shop added signage, including the zone and space number.

Machinist foreperson Stuart De Haro said a first wave of 528 were made for installation, starting in March 2024.

The construction-laborer shop manually installed each one, overseen by construction-laborer foreperson Joe "Tater" Daly. More will be installed in the coming months and, eventually, all old coin-fed meters will be replaced by these across campus.





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