



The Facilitator

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An Interview with Abdul Momen

1. What is your current position with GSU?
Director of Facilities Maintenance and Operations.
2. What do you do on a typical day?
Meet with Zone chiefs and give directions as needed. Review construction project drawing and specifications, attend meetings, spot check building control systems to see how efficiently the buildings are operating, spot check work order systems to evaluate maintenance performances, check energy consumption reports to track building energy consumption, and a lot of time to answer e-mails.
3. How long have you worked at GSU?
A little over 21 years
4. Where did you go to school and what did you study?
B.Sc. in Chemistry from Dhaka University, Bangladesh; M.Sc. degree was not completed from the same university in Organic Chemistry. Attended Dhaka Poly Technical institute for Mechanical Engineering.
5. What was your childhood like?
I grew up in a very large and happy family. After School I played different sports and outside activities in a beautiful and natural climate with a lot of trees and green fields.
6. What made you decide to become an engineer?
I was raised in an engineering family. Hands-on engineering work was my hobby and before I realized it, engineering has become my profession. Now I almost have almost forgotten everything that I learned about chemistry.
7. What is your dream vacation?
Maybe after retirement when my kids are settled down, I will take a long vacation to a few exotic places like New Zealand, Alaska, and maybe an African safari.



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Message from the editor:

This past January, the management of Facilities Management Services Division met at the RCB Buckhead center for a retreat. We talked a lot about the future and reviewed the many projects we have done in the past year. We especially talked about the hard-working, dedicated people who make it all happen. One thing really stood out: we do so much for the students and faculty of GSU to ensure that they have buildings that are safe, clean, comfortable and efficiently run. But very few people have any idea of how much it takes to keep the campus running smoothly. With that in mind, we have brought back the Newsletter. Please let us know when someone has been recognized for an accomplishment or a team has been praised. It's time to let all of GSU know how amazing our people are! -Karen Stark



Renovations: What a Year! *by David Blunski*

Whew--finally! The Renovations Unit made it through the FY 13 year end process and what a hectic year end it was! It ended with a flurry of projects that needed to be completed by June 30th and now that we've crossed the year-end finish line, we can look back on some of this past year's accomplishments.

The Renovations Unit estimated 289 FMR's (Facility Modification Requests) for the year and 218 of those were approved. That gives us an approval rating of 75.4%. Several of the approved projects were capital projects that required us to work hand in hand with Design & Construction Services. Below is a brief description of some of the larger projects that Renovations worked on this past year.

We renovated rooms 100 and 104 in Sparks Hall for the Office of Revenue, Receivables & Cashiering Services, and the Office of Student Accounts. This job was done in two phases. Both phases included new flooring, painting, new ceiling grid/tiles, new lighting, mechanical and electrical. Project cost was \$225,119.00.

We renovated seven rooms for the Learning Technologies Division on the second floor of College of Education. The design made use of the exterior windows along with the interior windows to cast light throughout the space. The interior walls in two of the rooms were made sound proof and have several shades and patterns of paint colors. Project cost was \$166,995.00.

We renovated the first floor corridor of Sparks Hall for Enrollment Services. We abated the existing flooring, installed new Flexco tiles and cove base, painted the walls, installed new ceiling grid & tiles, and installed new light fixtures and exit signs. The cost of this project was \$44,787.00.

Lastly, there were various upgrades made to the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th floors of One Park Place for the Institute of Public Health, the GSU Foundation, Human Resources and Institutional Research. This project required abating the existing flooring, installing new flooring, painting, room signage, cores and minor construction. The project cost was \$250,000.00.

We would like to thank everyone in Renovations, Building Services, Maintenance, Police Operations and DCS for a job well done and we look forward to the challenges ahead of us for FY 14.



New employees, April - July, 2013

Building Services: Juwangela Broughton, Willie Dill, Carlos Sherman, Bernard Thomas

Maintenance & Operations: Thomas Concannon, Brett Stewart, Younes Najibullah

Renovations: Jason Cochran



The Renovation of 100 Auburn – the New Gateway to Georgia State University

by Bob Toomy

GSU's Facilities Management and DPR-Hardin Construction are close to completing the first phase of the renovation of the 100 Auburn building which it acquired in 2013. Located at the corner of Auburn Ave and Courtland Ave, this building was originally the headquarters of the Atlanta Life Financial Group, one of the first African-American owned insurance businesses in the country.

The first phase of the project included repairing and upgrading of all the major mechanical and electrical systems in the building and building-out of the first and second floors. Additionally, the exterior envelope has been cleaned and repaired and the entire site upgraded.

The first floor of 100 Auburn will be the new home of GSU's Welcome Center. It will house the Welcome Center's new offices, a pre-function area, a 240-seat auditorium, and a large presentation room in which the Welcome Center will give briefings to prospective students and their families. It will also include a soaring four-story atrium which will be a dramatic entrance into the University's new "gateway" facility. Part of the floor has also been remodeled into a 100-seat "flex-room" that will be used for events such as the President's board meetings.



The second floor will be the new home of GSU's Honors College. This space has been turned into a bright, modern looking facility with concrete floors, exposed ceilings and an abundance of natural light. It includes a large computer teaching lab and several seminar rooms providing an intimate teaching environment with the latest in audio-visual technology.

The second phase of the project is currently underway and includes the renovation of the fifth floor for the President's executive offices. In addition to the President, this floor will house the Provost and several of the University's Vice-Presidents. This space will also contain a large 50-person board room and include the latest in audio-visual resources.

At the present time, plans for the 3rd and 4th floors have not been finalized. Renovation of those areas will be part of a future phase.

We would like to thank the project manager, Suzan Talley, who worked hand-in-hand with the contractor DPR-Hardin and the architect CGLS, Inc. to make sure the project is a success. The anticipated move in date is August 7th and the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Welcome Center and Honors College is August 15th. We hope to see you there.



Training
on the go!

Coming soon.....

Preventing Harassment, Forklift Safety,
Arc Flash Training, Defensive Driving,
Van Driving
Training Tuesday for 2nd & 3rd shift employees

Email Kevin at kchappell@gsu.edu for details

SAVE THE DATE:

2013 REWARDS & RECOGNITION

October 17, 2 to 4 p.m. (1st shift)

9 to 11 p.m. (2nd & 3rd shifts)



CONGRATULATIONS



Career Advancement:

Robert Allen – Assistant Zone Chief, Zone 1
Steven Anderson – Custodian III, Stacey Copeland – Custodian II
Patti Stilson—Director, Building Services—now also Interim Director of Sustainability!

Happy Retirement:

Thank you for your service and enjoy your retirement.
Best wishes to Frances Almond – 13 years, Sebastian John - 27 years

...about Broad Street... *by Jeannie Wright*

Facilities Planning has commissioned a study on improving the already popular Broad Street corridor between Marietta Street and Luckie Street. The many restaurants offering a variety of cuisines are certainly a draw for students, staff, and faculty alike. But how can we make the space even more people and pet friendly?



The study involves the evaluation of the existing amenities and spaces as well as the

circulation of pedestrians, vehicles and...Fido. Next, the team will identify improvement areas and make recommendations for enhancements such as sidewalk width and materials, lighting, storm drainage, crosswalk treatments and ADA accessibility. They will even evaluate those endlessly draining downspouts belching water across the sidewalks when it isn't even raining. The team will also look for opportunities to create new gathering points and graphic displays. A plan for recommended streetscape improvements will be prepared along with artist's renderings that can be used for fund-raising and to communicate the new design concepts to the GSU community, city officials, and our downtown neighbors. Stay tuned !

Kudos to our staff:

From Judith Emerson, Faculty Associate on Disabilities, regarding an ADA issue after a move:

To: Abdul Momen, Paul Anderson, Kipp Yates, Teresa Hegarty and Patti Stilson

I want to thank you for your quick response to the sidewalk issue at 75 Piedmont. I was apprised of the situation on Friday and visited the site late Friday afternoon to investigate the complaint. I returned to the site this morning to take photos and, much to my surprise, I see that you already repaired/replaced the obstruction to the accessible ramp and moved the dumpsters. Please forward my appreciation and acknowledgement to those who were involved in the remedy. Thank you, again for your commitment to address accessibility issues on campus.

From Lee Brown (Data Center Services) to Keith Martin (DCS):

Thank you for guiding us through this project unscathed. Great work by Facilities and the electrical contractor.