HOLIDAY SHUTDOWN CONSERVATION MEASURES

In order to facilitate energy savings and reduce emissions, Facilities Management will be setting back building temperatures in classroom and office buildings during the upcoming Holiday shutdown. Residence Halls and athletic facilities will be for the most part unaffected by the temperature setbacks. Space temperatures in the affected areas will vary but will not go below 55 F.

Facilities Management will also be shutting down hot water heaters, exhaust fans and other non-essential equipment plus lighting. Kalamazoo College community members are urged to help in this effort by shutting down or unplugging all appliances and lights in your offices or workspaces before you leave for the break.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to save energy over the break. Please contact Paul Manstrom manstrom@kzoo.edu by email with any questions you may have on this matter.

WINTER 08-09 TEMPERATURE GUIDELINES

The current temperature targets for Kalamazoo College buildings have been in effect since 2004. At that time Facilities Management was directed to maintain wintertime temperatures of 68 F in classroom and office areas and 69F in residence halls.

In order to conserve energy and operating funds plus reduce College greenhouse gas emissions, this winter quarter will see a renewed effort by Facilities Management to adjust temperature controls so that building areas more closely conform to the set guidelines. For every 1 F reduction in average building temperature the College will realize a savings this winter of approximately $12,000 and a reduction of 64 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions.

As most people probably realize, temperature control is not an exact science and temperature variations within buildings can have a wide range. Facilities Management will take measures to minimize those variations and will respond to complaints only when space temperatures are outside the targets by more than 2 F in either direction.

The College community can help Facilities Management realize the potential savings this winter by reporting overheated areas with the same vigor that cold areas are brought to our attention. It is also recommended that building occupants make sure all windows and doors are closed tightly. It is also important that people remember that they will be much more comfortable in a cooler environment if they dress appropriately for the season.

Finally, it should be noted that space heaters are not approved for use in Kalamazoo College buildings.