Renovation update 4/16/18

Upcoming Shutdowns

April 18th 7am-10am (3 hrs) Air handling unit (no heat). This is necessary to prepare for the upcoming shutdown in May.

Air Handling and Electrical Shutdown – Dates TBD

As you may or may not know the electrical panels and main switchgear are original to the building. Once the contractors started investigating the systems, Facilities Management determined it was best to replace all the electrical panels and main switchgear, instead of just updating the parts that serviced the renovated spaces. With this decision there needs to be a five day electrical shutdown to do the work. This will be scheduled over a weekend, so it will be 3 working days. This shutdown will coincide with the Air Handling Unit (AHU) shutdown. Because there is a long lead time for the switchgear, the AHU shutdown has been pushed a week, and possibly more, I will keep you updated on timelines as I am made aware.

Air Handling Unit/Electrical Shutdown timeline:

AHU shutdown - 15 days (7-8 working) without air. When air is brought up, it will be brought up over a period of 3 days.

Electrical shutdown - 5 days (3 working) without electricity. This coincides with AHU shutdown. This will be scheduled a Thursday-Monday. Because of fire safety no one will be allowed in the building during this time.

Example schedule –

May 17th-May 31st - Air shutdown
May 25th – May 29th - Electrical shutdown
May 29th – Power restored by end of day
May 30th – employees allowed back in the building
May 30th– Air restored to building
May 30th-June 1st– slowly bringing air back to normal

**Not allowed in building May 25th – May 29th

Since there will be no power in the building, you will not be able to remote into your computer. Therefore you will need to use other means of accessing the L and H drives. Watch for an email from IT on training opportunities to learn other ways of accessing your data.
This is all part of having a continuity plan, as we all need to know how to work from off campus in case of an emergency.

**Progress**

They are starting to build walls and blowing insulation on the ceilings. The north east classroom is partially framed as well as the offices in the future Student Services. They will be filling in the well on the first floor sometime this week. This will make that space so much bigger and welcoming to everyone entering the building. We are still on track to have the two 84 person classrooms and student space on ground floor available to us for Fall. We have asked for no drilling or “loud work” during finals week. If you have any issues with noise during this time, please feel free to contact me.

As always thank you for your patience.