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To: Campus Community
From: Gene Matthews, Director of Facilities Services
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Re: Building Temperatures

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, outdoor temperatures reached highs in the upper 70's resulting in much warmer than desired conditions in several of our facilities. While our goal is to provide a comfortable and productive environment for our faculty, staff and students, the types of cooling systems in several of our buildings limit our ability to do so.

At the end of each cooling season, many of our air conditioning systems must be completely drained to prevent water from freezing inside the equipment. If systems are not drained, and subsequently freeze, significant damage to building equipment and interior furnishings can occur. Likewise, we do our best to anticipate when to refill our cooling systems. Should we misjudge weather conditions, we run the risk of causing damage that could delay the start up of our systems until well into the summer.

Please know that we are aware of the disruption that significant shifts in outdoor temperatures can cause; and we will continue to do our best to balance the risks associated with potentially damaging building equipment, with environmental conditioning that is necessary to conduct teaching and research.