

HURRICANE HARVEY HITS HARD: UH FACILITIES STAYS STRONG



OLIVER DESIGNATES HARVEY HEROES

Dear Facilities Staff,

Thank you for your hard work during Hurricane Harvey and the following recovery efforts!

The responsiveness, dedication and “Can Do” attitude to get the campus ready for our students return and the continuing efforts to assess, repair and clean impacted areas has been impressive.

Facilities made unbelievable progress across the campus from Thursday, August 31 to Tuesday, September 5 when the students officially returned. We began with only 50% of the buildings available and had 91% of them ready for occupancy. Detailed assessments of buildings continued every day with remediation work going on throughout the campus. A significant number of buildings amazingly transitioned from a yellow status to a green status thanks to your hard work.

The response of our Campus Services group was outstanding as they assisted in every aspect of the recovery effort! We were able to establish custodial services early on and solid waste disposal began soon afterwards in addition to debris removal. Priorities were housing complexes and student-related support buildings. Mowing was also started back during that time and was in full force quickly.

We engaged our restoration contractors who were mobilized on key areas while our dedicated UH staff dealt with minor remediation and dewatering. FS and FPC’s immediate and decisive response in getting student areas back in service was nothing short of amazing!

The Facilities damage assessment teams walked every classroom on campus to ensure the conditions

UH FACILITIES RIDE OUT TEAM

This team stayed on campus beginning Friday, August 25 through Wednesday, August 30.

were safe for classes. Although our initial focus was on student areas and classrooms, work steadily began on offices and laboratories as well. Some significant areas that were impacted are still not fully available yet. There was considerable movement of faculty and staff in the short term and Facilities also helped support this need.

Build back and restoration of the campus is still on-going using numerous contractors and in-house personnel and will continue for the next few months. You all are the power behind this Power House and are truly Harvey Heroes!

David Oliver

Associate Vice Chancellor/Associate Vice President
Facilities/Construction Management

PROGRESSION

Friday, September 1st - 101 buildings assessed.

3% Red 29% Yellow 68% Green*

Saturday, September 2nd - 146 buildings assessed.

2% Red 18% Yellow 80% Green*

Sunday, September 3rd - 146 buildings assessed.

2% Red 18% Yellow 88% Green*

Monday, September 4th - 147 buildings assessed.

1% Red 10% Yellow 89% Green*

Tuesday, September 5th

1% Red 8% Yellow 91% Green *

* It should be noted that green indicates water remediation completion which made the building suitable for use.

SHIRTS TO BE ORDERED

In recognition of a wonderful job, every Facilities employee is eligible for a shirt. Please make sure to let your supervisor know you are interested in receiving a shirt. We need: Name, Shop and Shirt sizes by Friday, October 13.



Facilities leadership met multiple times in preparation for the storm, during and after the storm.



Check out the video with Facilities Supervisor Steven Shadow posted to the UH website the week after the storm.

<http://bit.ly/uhfacilitiesharvey>

“Life is like a rainbow. You need both the sun and the rain to make its colors appear.”



HARVEY HEROES

