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DATE: Thursday, December 14th, 2017
TO: Managers, Directors, Chairs and Deans
FROM: Gary Bridgens, Director, Maintenance & Operations, Facilities Management
RE: UVic Holiday Closure | Energy Conservation

The University of Victoria is once again planning for a “green” holiday season break and we are asking for your assistance in helping to reduce the carbon footprint. As part of our goal to make UVic a leader in sustainability, we have identified a number of actions to save energy and conserve our resources during the closure.

From, December 23rd, 2017 – January 1st, 2018, temperatures in all major buildings will be lowered to 16°C. Exhaust fans, fume hoods and building lighting will be turned off where possible, after consultation by Facilities Management with researchers. All staff are encouraged to ensure that computers, printers and other equipment in their work areas are turned off as well. The temperature in areas that are sensitive to temperature change (i.e. animal care, etc.) will not be lowered during this period.

We expect that these simple strategies will reduce UVic’s greenhouse gas emissions during this time period by approximately 100 tonnes, substantially reducing our carbon footprint and energy costs.

If you are working over the holiday closure, please wear a sweater rather than plugging in a portable heater as these can be unsafe and will negate the energy savings earned by turning down the heat.

We appreciate the efforts of the campus community to help us reduce energy waste on campus.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Gary Bridgens, Director of Maintenance & Operations, Facilities Management, at 250-721-6553 or bridgens@uvic.ca.

