Dear Students, Faculty and Staff,

It’s that time of year again… when mornings can be cool and afternoons can be warm.

As we head into Spring and warmer temperatures, our Campus Operations and Maintenance staff is preparing to switch our building systems from heating to cooling.

Throughout Stony Brook University’s 200+ buildings, we have a variety of heating and cooling systems. While some of these systems are flexible, others are not in that they are unable to supply both air conditioning and heating at the same time, and must be manually switched over each Spring and Fall.

**Cooling Season**

For West campus, we switch from heating to cooling once the outside air temperature is consistently above 60°F. This switch is scheduled to take place in late April or early May.

For East campus, because of hospital requirements, cooling is available in mid-March while heating is available throughout the year whenever outside air temperatures drop below 55°F.

For South campus, R&D Park, and Southampton, all of the buildings have individual heating systems, so no switchover is needed.

**Building Temperature Set-Points**

During a building’s normal operating hours, we target our temperatures to fall between 68°F and 72°F for the heating season and between 72°F and 76°F for the cooling season, in accordance with national building standards.

Normal operating hours for buildings (and even parts of buildings) vary throughout our campus, so we work directly with each Building Manager to verify and validate operational hours.

Although we try to maintain every space within these temperature ranges, occupants may experience temperatures a few degrees on either side of these set-point ranges depending on their location in the building and the time of year.

**Contact Information**

If you find your respective areas fall below 65°F (or above 78°F), please contact your Building Manager or call us at:

- West Campus - 631.632.6400
- West Campus Residences - 631.632.9585
- South Campus - 631.632.6400
- R&D Park - 631.632.6400
- East Campus Hospital - 631.444.2400
- East Campus Residences - 631.632.9585
- Southampton Campus Academic - 631.632.5058 / 5047
- Southampton Campus Residence - 631.599.8985

As always, Facilities & Services personnel will work to address any temperature concerns you have throughout the year.
Finally, I encourage you to visit our Stony Brook University Facilities & Services website which has information and news about our COVID response, major projects, and more.

With kindest regards,
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