

SAML Facilities Management Survey Results (Summer 2019)

Question 1.

Does your lab have a dedicated person to manage facilities (e.g. execute facilities management projects, manage contractors, supervise maintenance, coordinate with main campus (if applicable))?

71% Yes (12)

29% No (5)

Comments:

- We have a part time person responsible for our non-profit program areas; research (Marine Lab), education (Nature center), native landscape center and land management. All facilities are within 10 mile radius
- Univ. of Texas Marine Science Institute/Dept. of Marine Science organizational structure include a supervisory facilities manager reporting to the director. The facilities manager supervises physical plant, custodial and grounds staff.
- The lab director also serves as 3/4 time faculty in the natural sciences division (marine lab is located on the main campus) and a dedicated full-time facilities manager who manages contractors, maintenance, etc, on site.
- Full time foreman who oversees and prioritizes the day to day activities of 6 facilities staff (e.g., electrician, plumber, carpenter). For more challenging projects, he oversees the bid and assignment of contract work for special problems..
- Associate Director who oversees operations
- No. Grice Marine Lab uses the CofC Physical Plant personnel for all its maintenance.
- We would love to have that, but those are shared duties - and take up a lot of time that could be used for other activities (research, education, outreach).

Question 2.

If that person exists, are they part time or full time?

85% Full time (11)

15% Part time (2)

Question 3.

If that person exists, are they someone trained in trades or construction management?

50% Yes (6)

50% No (6)

Comments:

- The facilities manager at UTMSI is normally someone trained in trades or construction management, however, our current manager is not a tradesman and has little actual experience in construction. Our current facilities manager was hired for his supervisory and leadership qualities to direct technical tradespeople and manage outsourced contract labor for special projects and routine maintenance.
- The lab director is a scientist, the facilities manager is a lab technician with expertise in building and maintaining seawater systems, aquariums, etc.
- The current Facilities Director has a BS in botany and background working at field stations. While this has been quite helpful, training in trades management or construction management would be enormously helpful and certainly would facilitate coordination between the main campus facilities and the lab (we are 45 miles away) .
- We have always had someone in the position of Director of Facilities and Grounds. They oversee a staff of 7-10 who are responsible for grounds maintenance, HVAC, building repairs (electrical, plumbing, painting, structural). These folks are paid off of IDC funds.
- Trained primarily in the trades, then received OJT for the construction management.
- We also have support from main campus Facilities management.
- They are a Coast Guard certified Captain, but work closely with our facilities folks at the university.