Voice of the Future

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IDEA - Relationships

- No favoritism; treat everyone the same
- More general instructions; focus on results vs micromanaging
- Distribute work loads equally not just to good workers
- Equal accountability
- Relationships between many parties are strained. Mutual respect is lacking. The Goal should be clear expectations regarding duties, respectful and clear communications and a balance of criticism and praise.



CURRENT STATE

- Two way communication is lacking
- Listening but not hearing or understanding
- People need to be more tactful in communications
- Uncomfortable work environment
- "Just Do It" directives from above
- Morale is poor
- Mutual respect is a 2 way street (supervisors and workers) and needs to be improved
- Talking down to one another happens too often



FUTURE STATE

- Enhanced teamwork; win/win
- Mutual respect; better relationships between all levels
- Fair and Equitable
- Improved communications which will result in better performance
- Taking the time to be open to new ideas and to explaining why



SOLUTIONS (both short term and long term)

- Conduct a survey among a selected group of residential and academic building workers. The goal is to measure the state of communications, to pinpoint specific things that must change and to provide a baseline to compare when future surveys are taken
- Get the feedback through the survey data and analyze it
- Decide what to do; what changes or training to implement
- Explain it to Management and implement it in a priority order with agreed upon changes and timing
- In the long term, establish an ongoing feedback process
- Conduct a second survey to compare against the baseline and where more work needs to be done
- Continue on expecting that each time we re-survey we will discover we are getting better but there is more to do. This will take time



TIME LINE

- Late June; 1st Group Meeting; Begin the process of writing survey questions and discuss roles & responsibilities and a communications strategy
- Mid July; Hold additional meetings as necessary to complete the survey development
- Early August; Select the survey participants and distribute the survey (Housing and Academic Areas)
- Mid September; Meet to analyze the survey results and report out to all the results
- Dec 2017; Progress Report on Solutions, Measures of Success and next steps for 2018
- May 2018; Report Out to Management Group on one year summary

