


MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 6, 2004

TO: Members of the University of Utah Community

FROM: Michael K. Young 

SUBJECT: **Energy Consumption Reduction Program**

In recent years, the University has been earnestly engaged in efforts to help control and reduce utility costs. Most of the activity thus far has been directed toward physical measures, such as lighting retrofits, upgrading major equipment, and constructing a new heating and cooling plant that serves numerous buildings on the east side of campus.

We recently entered into an agreement with a consulting firm, Integrated Energy Solutions, Inc., to help us develop a campus-wide resource conservation program. The intent of the program is to reduce our utility expenses by making every University employee an active participant in the sensible control of our electric, gas, and water utility consumption. While the primary savings focus of the program will be upon ensuring that our facilities are properly controlled outside of classroom and office hours, each of us will be expected to do our part during the working day as well. Simply put, if you need it, use it; otherwise, make certain it is off.

Ms. Arlene Lindsey has been selected to serve as our campus Resource Conservation Specialist. Ms. Lindsey's many responsibilities will include working with University employees at every level to establish a system-wide culture of conservation intended to protect research needs and maintain comfort during the instructional and working day, while also capitalizing on every utility-related savings opportunity. She will be responsible for developing an accounting database that will allow progress to be accurately and fairly tracked and reported for each building. Finally, she will be performing building visits before, during and after working hours, intended to find opportunities for further savings and to document support for the program.

The overall objective of the program is to defray existing deficits in our utility funds without in any way compromising the services we provide to faculty, students, and staff. We believe that annual savings of over a million dollars is achievable. I strongly encourage each of you to do your part to support this most worthwhile program.

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