Services & Facilities met on October 28 in Room W204, Ekstrom Library. Those present were William Armstrong, Nancy Ashmore, Davetta Davis (Vice Chair), Susan Jenkins, and Mary K. Marlatt (Chair).

Mary K. reported that she contacted Ken Deitz of UPDC to request information about University space - square footage and acreage. This will be used to compare the facilities at present with those 10 years ago. We have not received a response yet. There was discussion about other sources of this information, which will be utilized if we do not hear back from UPDC. We also discussed using enrollment and residency figures in our study. It was noted that Physical Plant, particularly in the Custodial section, is bringing in a lot of temporary workers, and that we need to be sure to capture those numbers for our study.

James Atkinson had asked Mary K. if the Committee was aware of any continuing mold abatement in Houchens. Davetta, whose staff recently returned to Houchens, discussed the procedures used by ServPro and Physical Plant, and said that her area seemed to be mold and odor-free. We discussed asking James Burchfield about mold abatement training for Physical Plant employees. Also, the fact that some offices in Houchens will be re-carpeted was discussed – this does not seem like a good idea in a building with ongoing water damage issues. There have been concerns about mold in Houchens for years – long before the flood. This was addressed several years ago. Outside consultants were brought in and cleared the building. The Committee will try to request a copy of that report. Susan wondered about flood damage to any dorm rooms, and also how often the mattresses and other porous items are changed in the dorms?

Traffic on Cardinal Blvd. was discussed. Particularly in the afternoons, it is a nightmare. Also, parking at stadium was discussed. The traffic officers seem to let out every car from the stadium before allowing traffic on Floyd to continue. This makes traffic on Floyd to back up, causing problems at other cross streets. Many people feel that the cars coming out from the stadium lot need to be staggered in order to allow traffic on Floyd to flow enough to avoid bottlenecks further back toward campus.

We discussed changes in custodial duties when new buildings are built and remodeling is done. The custodial and maintenance issues do not seem to be considered when changes occur. New surfaces that require special cleaning, new lab procedures, etc. need to be taken into consideration, and training provided for maintenance and custodial employees when changes are made in buildings or new buildings are constructed. We can address this issue in our report after we do the 10-year comparison.