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## Greenhouse Fee Structure

As of July 1, 2007, the greenhouse reorganization progressed through its first six months and we've experienced several changes, most of them positive and a few new challenges. Dave, Tom and I have become interchangeable at the three facilities and we continue to exchange ideas to improve the greenhouse facilities and our operations. Thank you for your support and feedback throughout this period.

We are preparing for the new academic year and this memo is an invitation to you to meet with our staff in order to plan for your research and/or academic endeavors. Faculty, who regularly use greenhouse space for teaching purposes, will be contacted by Dave Heleba. Faculty, who are presently using greenhouse space for a research program will be contacted by Tom Doubleday or Colleen Armstrong. If you are planning a new research program or course and you have questions about our services or facilities, please contact us.

To assist in your planning, I've included the fiscal year 2008 fee structure for the Campus, Horticultural Research Center or Bio-Research Center Greenhouses.

### FY 2008 CALS GREENHOUSE BENCH SPACE RATES

	<u>CAMPUS</u>	<u>HORT. RESEARCH CTR.</u>	<u>BIO-RESEARCH CTR.</u>
<b>GREENHOUSE</b>	\$4.14/ft <sup>2</sup> /month	\$3.58/ft <sup>2</sup> /month	\$3.06/ft <sup>2</sup> /month
<b>HRC COLD/SHADE HOUSE</b>		\$2.68/ft <sup>2</sup> /month	
<b>HRC COLD/SHADE HS. STORAGE</b>		\$0.80/ft <sup>2</sup> /month	
<b>NURSERY</b>	\$2.07/ft <sup>2</sup> /month	\$1.79/ft <sup>2</sup> /month	
<b>BRC HOUSE 5 STORAGE</b>			\$0.92/ft <sup>2</sup> /month

You'll notice that there is a new category, 'Storage' for the two hoop greenhouses that do not have electricity, heat or water. If these facilities are used to store plant material and they require minimal labor cost, then a reduced rate of 30% of the standard rate will be assessed.

As discussed earlier this year, the cost-share for fiscal year 2008 Hatch funded projects will be a 65/35 percent split. Hatch infrastructure funds will contribute 65% and the user will contribute 35%. The cost-share program begins on October 1, 2007.

### GREENHOUSE BENCH SPACE RATES HATCH USER COST-SHARE @35%

	<u>CAMPUS</u>	<u>HORT. RESEARCH CTR.</u>	<u>BIO-RESEARCH CTR.</u>
<b>GREENHOUSE</b>	\$1.45/ft <sup>2</sup> /month	Student run	\$1.07/ft <sup>2</sup> /month
<b>HRC COLD/SHADE HOUSE</b>		\$0.94/ft <sup>2</sup> /month	
<b>HRC COLD/SHADE HS. STORAGE</b>		\$0.28/ft <sup>2</sup> /month	
<b>NURSERY</b>	\$0.72/ft <sup>2</sup> /month	\$0.63/ft <sup>2</sup> /month	
<b>BRC HOUSE 5 STORAGE</b>			\$0.32/ft <sup>2</sup> /month

Earlier this year, we discussed a cost-share between the college and PSS / PBIO departments for courses using greenhouse bench space. The departmental cost-share for FY 2008 is 6%. The college has committed \$38,154 for teaching and these funds will be used for the 94% CALS teaching cost-share. This year's allocation of \$38,154 has increased from \$20,503 from the previous year.

One final note: CALS and AES are providing "cost-share" funds for teaching and Hatch project greenhouse activities, respectively. All other greenhouse operations must be charged on a true-cost, fee-for-service basis. The viability of the UVM greenhouse facility is dependent upon use by UVM faculty; if people don't use it we can't sustain it. For this reason, it is expected that all greenhouse-based research supported by Hatch funds will be performed using the UVM Greenhouse facilities unless there is a specific programmatic justification (not cost) for performing the work at an independent off-campus facility. Accordingly, the Dean's office will not approve use of Hatch funds for off-campus greenhouse use without specific justification by the PI, and approval by the Dean. We would hope that the UVM facilities will be used for extramurally-funded research projects as well.