

Campus Beautification and Landscape Committee
December 1, 2015

Present: Ashley Blake, DeVera Bowles, Linda Cresap, Melissa Fettig, Robert Kibler, Mike Linnell, Sue Lommen, Tracey Mays, Annette Mennem, Walter Piehl, Jan Reknow, Bryan Schmidt, Karen Self, Zeni Shabani, Alexey Shipunov, Steve Shirley, Brian Smith, Ryan Stander, and Johnna Westby

Absent: Colin Anderson, Mikhail Bobylev, Ash Bowen, Joe Collette, Linda Conn, Guy Hanley, Patty Hunt, Jynette Larshus, Paul Lepp, Teresa Loftesnes, Mark McQuade, and Mark Timbrook

1. For future meetings, we will include student representation – maybe someone from Club Biology
2. A review of the last campus master plan does show that there have been many improvements to the campus based on that plan. We are in the process of updating our campus master plan which is due in the spring and this committee will help make sure that future improvements follow that plan.
3. General discussion followed on possible projects:
 - a. To encourage ownership of this place, maybe have students be responsible for a certain area of campus; staff could also be involved in planting each spring
 - b. Could have a student project – grad class do a special project that would leave something for the future
 - c. Someone visited a campus that had swings in their trees
 - d. Could have something distinctive to the campus such as the Medicine Wheel at Valley City
 - e. Continue to label the trees; there have been about 30 of them labeled
 - f. Our campus is somewhat hidden – need to make it distinctive
 - g. Incorporating the cemetery into the campus has been good for us
 - h. What can we do to have students use outside campus spaces more? Sitting malls?
 - i. We could celebrate fall using the apples on campus for cider or something else
 - j. We need more green on campus – during winter it looks very drab
 - k. Arboretum on campus
 - l. We could raise awareness of what we do have on campus – maybe tours that point out the various trees and plants – would be helpful for community members and air force members as well
 - m. Should use the observatory more – lens needs to be repaired
 - n. Our greenhouse is very inadequate
 - o. This committee will need to make a list of recommendations or priorities for the campus
4. The committee voted to have the following as co-chairs:
 - a. Alexey Shipunov
 - b. DeVera Bowles
 - c. Brian Smith
5. The next meeting will be held sometime in January after the semester gets underway. Please be thinking of projects that we could possibly do – include estimated costs involved.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Wentz