

## CLUC Minutes 5-24-10

Attendees: Paul Smith, Cameron Hostetter, Robyn Herring, Sarah Pedersen, Jack Longino, Mark Kormondy, Jennifer Gerend, Rich Davis, Mike Paros

Recorder: Emily Sladek

### Organic Farm

The primary purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the draft Organic Farm Master Plan that was developed by Markthor Macfarlane as part of the 2 quarter class – Sustainable Design – the New Farm Building (SAL):

There were four options called rough concepts developed as part of the program, and these were accompanied by an eleven page write up. (See the handout). The CLUC needs to review and analyze these plans; then, make a recommendation to the campus community on the future of the Organic Farm.

Timeline: The CLUC will edit the Master Plan text, ask questions and meet to discuss the options this summer, particularly by inviting Paul Przybylowicz and Markthor Macfarlane to meetings. The CLUC hopes to gather public comment in September and then get the Board of Trustees approval of the plan and make an official addendum to the 2008 Master Plan.

**ACTION ITEM: Emily Sladek will send out the Organic Farm Master Plan text in a Word document, so that CLUC members can edit.**

### Issues for Discussion:

Jack Longino is concerned that the current options don't include any low-impact plans for the forest. They all expand the Organic Farm land by clearing forest. Also, the plans don't provide accurate visual data as to how much land will be impacted; this will make it difficult to clearly explain to the campus the consequences of this development.

Jennifer Gerend did focus groups and surveys on the Organic Farm last year with her students. The data reflects that students are against clearing forest, but they support it more if trees are replanted elsewhere on campus. They are also amenable to using off campus land.

Livestock: Historically, there have been animals raised on campus. With the expansion of the Farm do we want to plan for raising animals? There are health concerns with raising animals near crops. Mike Paros adds that crop rotation with animals is a sustainable practice. A further discussion is needed to plan space for both activities if it raising livestock is to be part of the curriculum.

The second agenda item was presented by Mark Kormondy:

There are five dead trees throughout B-lot and C-lot. Mark showed images. He is concerned that some of the trees are too decayed to be snagged, but will leave them at the highest height that is possible. The cut portions of the trees will be left for habitat. The

trees in the C-Lot will be cut before graduation and the one in the B-Lot later in the summer. The CLUC approved the felling of these trees.