

CLUC Minutes November 15, 2010

Attendees: Sarah Pedersen, Mike Paros, Robyn Herring, Mark Kormondy, Maryam Jacobs, Rich Davis, Cameron Hostetter, Jack Longino, Bob Leverich

Recorder: Emily Sladek

Guests: Jahmelah Brown, Corbin Lester

Introductions: Done

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved with the addition of the changing Paul Przybylowicz name.

Decaying Leaves (Jahmelah Brown)

Jahmelah is a student in the "Field Ecology Program;" Dylan Fischer is her faculty. Jahmelah is observing the time decomposition of leaves on campus. It is low impact activity and will be completed by March 2011. She has placed bags with leaves on the walkway parts of the Library, Seminar II and Lab II roofs. Bags are being held in place with blue survey flags. The CLUC doesn't believe that damage will be done to any of the roof membranes, particularly the Lab II roof. Rich Davis will check all locations for roof safety. She has put signs on bags stating that the bags are part of a student project. Jack Longino suggests putting contact information on the signs incase there is an issue. Mark Kormondy will pass word along to Grounds and Building Services staff to not disturb the bags. The CLUC approves the project.

Organic Farm Discussion:

Problems the CLUC has with the current HKP plans:

The CLUC does not have clarity on the vision being proposed for the Organic Farm and why this particular vision is necessary. The HKP plans do not make it clear where the present farm is, or what new structures/land/roads are being proposed. The options aren't formalized into a multi-phased singular plan; rather they are different competing visions. Until these questions are answered, the CLUC doesn't think they can either approve or reject the plan or ask more specific questions that could lead to an accepted/rejected decision. The CLUC wants to refrain from asking questions of the faculty, because they want the faculty to drive the plan and vision. The CLUC will review a more concise proposal when one is presented.

Suggestions:

- The faculty can start by filling out a CLUC application. The CLUC thinks that knowing the answers to these questions will help articulate why the current Master Plan is inadequate.
- The CLUC having a discussion with the student organization Cell.
- What priorities will drive the vision for the farm?
 - Jack Longino and Rich Davis would like to see the vision develop from a curriculum/not production perspective. Questions they would ask are what kind of curriculum priorities and enrollment do we want to see at the

Organic Farm. Is there pressure to increase production that is driving expansion?

- Crop disease and building deterioration.
- Robyn also thought more greenhouse research space was needed.
- Faculty doesn't seem interested in farm expansion at the moment, because of operational costs and changing curriculum. If not expansion, then what is the purpose of updating the vision and having this document being incorporated into the master plan? If no changes are made to the current plan then the Master Plan doesn't need updating, the Board of Trustees and campus community doesn't need to approve it. Will not updating the plan limit the money that the college can ask for? No, the legislator can still receive proposals on the Organic Farm because it is part of the 2008 Master Plan.
- What would be the vision if not expansion?
- Have a farm manager and a better organized curriculum and staffing before updating the master plan.

Other Items:

Bob Leverich will propose an outdoor sculpture workshop space at the next CLUC meeting.

The Next CLUC Meeting will be Monday, December 20 from 3-5pm in the Facilities Conference Room. Members need to RSVP. In lieu of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January's CLUC Meeting will be on Monday, January 24 from 3-5pm in the Facilities Conference Room.