**Landscape Stewardship Committee (LSC)**

**04/26/18**

**Progress Reports**

* Pollinator Garden/NWF Wildlife Habitat Certification
  + Project of SGA and other campus environmental groups; these groups will also maintain the garden
  + Garden is near the traffic light at Hilltop Circle behind PAHB
  + 3500 SF split into two beds
  + One workday for clearing and one for planting; both well attended
  + NWF certification requires that water and shelter be nearby, which is the case here
  + Also working on signage
* Protecting Birds from Window Glass
  + There is a lot of information on the American Bird Conservancy website
  + For existing windows, vertical tape can be applied
  + There is an experimental coating invisible to humans, but that birds can see
  + There is a lot of research on how many collisions actually occur (at UMBC, the estimate is 5-7 in the past 5 years)
  + ILSB is using a frit pattern fused onto the glass on all but the north side. Provides solar protection and helps birds
* CERA Promotion
  + Website needs to be updated; redesign will happen over time (Suzanne Braunschweig has a student who may be able to help)
  + Sarah Hansen is collecting information from faculty members doing research in CERA to add to the web site
  + Trail is in good shape, but signs need some help (CERA has a budget for this)
* Green Tours
  + Proposal to add “nature walk” or service project (weeds, trash) to Welcome Week
  + New tour of less obvious green strategies already integrated into campus: green roofs, rain gardens, pond, erosion control measures behind Event Center

**New Business**

* Signage at the Library Pond to Prevent Fishing
  + Signs are being ignored
  + Our group can make an effort to be watchful and “remind” those we see fishing.
* Campus Pollinator Pledge through NWF
  + Campus-wide designation in addition to certification for garden; UMBC is probably already doing what is needed for this certification; something to think about
* Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes for Future Meetings
  + Group agrees this is a reasonable thing to do moving forward
  + Minute-takers will rotate through group

Feel free to send questions my way.

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