**Landscape Stewardship Committee (LSC)**

**10/17/18**

**Old Business**

* Preventing bird strikes
  + Only data we have suggests bird strikes on campus are minimal, so topic tabled unless new data emerges
  + FM will continue to use bird-friendly construction in all future projects
* Pollinator Garden at SW corner of Hilltop Road and Hilltop Circle
  + Plants grown from seed, so not expecting blooms until next year, should look more “presentable” then
  + Concerns expressed over aesthetics because that intersection is a main entrance to campus; suggestion to add no-mow signage to make visitors aware of the area’s function
  + Concern expressed over potential for a parking garage to be placed in the garden’s location; FM staff shared that this is not the preferred location for a garage, and any new garages are several years away and will be constructed only after opportunities for community input
* CERA and the Herbert Run Greenway
  + Post-meeting update: Suzanne Braunschweig is scheduling a CERA committee meeting imminently and will keep LSC informed on availability of a student to help update the website and funding for signpost replacement
  + Emily Chetelat, HRG intern, pursuing additional on-the-ground “paw prints” in the shape of the HRG logo to help people find the trail once they enter bwtech
  + Concern expressed over overgrowth at the CERA trail entrance and need for improved signage throughout the HRG
* Green tours
  + Tanvi Gadhia included a CERA tour in Welcome Week for interested students
  + Tanvi working toward a required sustainability orientation portion (including a tour) for all students at orientation, will keep us apprised of progress

**New Business**

* Weed Warrior program
  + Suggestion that a site-specific training would be more effective for our campus; Sarah Hansen will reach out to Leslie Morgan to see if she would be willing to offer this
  + Need for regulations over where and how weeds are pulled on campus, especially in CERA where research happens. Larry Hennessey will find and share policies that other campuses have developed that we may be able to use as a model
* Campus-wide wildlife habitat certification project
  + Upon review of the requirements, it seems we already qualify! Tanvi will look into officially certifying us and discuss with Lenn Caron the chance to purchase signs/plaques to recognize our certification
  + Grounds staff share they use minimal, targeted pesticides on campus and we employ many of the other sustainability practices
* Ideas/concerns from the floor
  + Concern expressed over the state of the hill between Walker Garage and Library, which withstood damage due to oversaturation: currently under a reengineering process to repair and improve

Feel free to send questions my way.

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