**Landscape Stewardship Committee (LSC)**

**12/4/18**

**Old Business**

* Pollinator Garden at SW corner of Hilltop Road and Hilltop Circle
  + The signs have been installed! Due to a bit of a mix-up, Facilities Management generously ended up footing the bill for the materials and installation. Thank you FM!
* CERA and the Herbert Run Greenway
  + “Paw prints” update: Due to concerns over paint wearing away and running off into our waterways, the painted paw prints idea has been abandoned. However, Joe has requested an estimate for the cost to produce and install a couple more permanent directional signs to help people find their way along the HRG trail.
  + CERA committee update: The CERA committee will reconvene on February 6. After that we will know more about what kind of support that committee/GES might be able to provide to revamp the CERA website.
* Campus-wide Wildlife Habitat Certification
  + Tanvi has sent a proposal to Lenn and they are moving toward getting us certified and finding a way to promote the certification on campus.
* Walker Garage/Library Hill Repair Update
  + On December 14, 2018, FM will receive a report with recommendations for completing a hill restoration project.
  + FM is replacing infrastructure underground with a system similar to what is beneath the library pond, to improve water retention/dissipation and reduce future threats from extreme precipitation. This project should be complete by the end of spring 2019.
* Invasive Plants
  + On-site training for UMBC “Weed Warriors”
    - Leslie Morgan (SAHAP) has expressed interest in offering a workshop to train interested members of the UMBC community in invasive plant identification.
    - The library is interested in hosting such a workshop. Sarah, Leslie, Larry, and Drew will work together on making this happen for spring 2019.
    - It could also be great to partner with environmentally focused student groups on this, such as Environmental Task Force
  + 1-Credit Course Reinstatement
    - A 1-credit course existed in the past to train students to remove English Ivy from trees. There is interest in re-instating such a course for ivy or other invasives. To do so, we need to find out what department “owns” this course and find funding for an instructor
  + Invasive Plant Policy Development
    - Larry has offered a draft of an invasive plant guideline for UMBC addressing what plants may be considered for removal and prioritization of removal efforts.
    - Further work is needed to develop a guide for who can remove invasives without supervision (what training is required?) to prevent unwanted/unsafe removal.
    - Further work is needed to define our top priority species for removal (e.g. we need an “inventory” of prevalence of invasives on campus). Could this be part of a class project?
    - Further work is needed to determine the different rules for invasive treatment in different areas of campus, e.g. in CERA, which is research space, versus general open green space. This requires collaboration with the CERA committee.
    - Once this guide is complete, we would need to submit it to higher authorities at the university if we want it to become official policy.

**New Business**

* Revenue Stream
  + Many of the things we want to do seem to require funding, even if a small amount. We have no budget. If anyone has ideas for how to generate revenue for the committee, either via grant applications for specific projects (e.g. the weed warrior initiative or course instructor) or more generally, please share!
* Meetings Next Semester
  + The committee met twice this semester, which is barely enough to maintain momentum. To continue moving forward, we’d like to meet three times next semester. Sarah will be in touch about dates for those meetings soon.

Feel free to send questions my way.

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