

Campus Beautification & Preservation Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes 10/1/2020
Zoom 11:00-12:00

Mission: Makes recommendations as to ways the campus can be beautified both internally and externally. Solicits the cooperation of all members of the university community in keeping the campus beautiful.

Members Attending:

Brandon Krieg, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Representative, Secretary	8/2021
Lauren Moss, College of Education Representative	8/2021
Gregory Kaufinger, College of Business Representative	8/2021
Tyler Schwab, Professional Staff Representative	8/2021
Gwendolyn Yoppolo, College of Visual & Performing Arts Representative	8/2022
Carrie Nordlund, Graduate Faculty Representative, Chair	8/2022
Mike Ennis, Facilities Management Designee	*

1. Call to order. Carrie Nordlund, Chair

2. Approval of Minutes

Move—Ty Schwab

Second—Greg Kaufinger

Minutes approved unanimously

3. Announcements

Introductions

Review of Mission

4. Old Business

- Statement on the Sustainability (see page 2)

Carrie: This is how the statement appears on the website and was given to the senate. Carrie suggests that we check to see if the statement represents the values of our committee. Thanks Greg for drafting the statement. Last time Holly Tienken suggested that we talk about including the statement in our bylaws.

- Resolution of Lytle Lane structure

Last semester we discussed the structure that Tony Wong brought forward to see if we might remove it. It's an eyesore and it might put off prospective student visitors. Is also a visibility hazard for drivers turning from Lytle Lane. Where we left off is Carrie was going to try to address it. This summer Carrie worked on it—contacted John Dillon. History: it's been there 34 years. Was replaced because of accident in the 80s. John Dillon directed Carrie to Kutztown Boro. School District doesn't use it. Borough said the property is Maxatawny Township. Chris Paff of Maxatawny Township pulled up tax records to find out about it's zoning status. He suggested to find out more about the structure through the phone numbers and businesses on it—it is state property based on tax records—armory or Kutztown. John Dillon is in contact with the business that owns the actual structure—Shelter All Company in Buckhill Falls, PA. John Dillon

said it will take some time and he wants to do the work on it. If it takes too long, Carrie wants to become involved again. Two issues: Who owns the land, Who owns the structure? Ty: Would the property owner be able to decide what happens to the structure? If its owned by Kutztown could we take it down? Lauren: seems like there would have to be a lease. Seems like it would be property owner's call. It is our responsibility as committee to keep on it. Carrie keeps offering to take over the project from Mike Dillon—will be checking back with campus police and looking into the leasing of the property.

5. New Business

- Resolution of bush obstruction
Bush was removed.

- 2020-2021 Elections

Committee on Committees prefers having elections at end of semester for following year. Carrie gave our report to senate last year and filled out a survey for senate. Carrie stated as our future plans: to be determined based on elections. Committee on Committees is eager for committees to work together or connect. Carrie listed our work with public safety on door opening into parking lot at Sharadin.

Carrie's suggestion: a president-elect or co-Chair who is sharing information with next person--the co-Chair can pick up more seamlessly the following year.

Carrie asks for nominations for Chair.

Lauren says she is willing to serve as Chair. She is on sabbatical next year so continuity is a concern for her. Lauren says technically her term ends next year. Carrie: Lauren could apply to stay on committee.

Brandon self-nominates for Secretary

Greg seconds

Unanimous approval of Brandon for secretary.

Gwendolyn nominates Lauren for Chair

Carrie seconds.

Unanimous approval of Lauren for Chair.

Gwendolyn is interested in being a Chair-elect this year. Carrie suggests that we look at bylaws to see if we could create this position—proposes putting this as new business to take up next meeting. Lauren notes that she is in another professional organization that has done this and it worked very well.

Ty: Question on Lytle Lane, Matt Delaney has extensive list of our leases. We may be able to figure out if we are receiving payment to have the structure on our campus. If he is unaware of it, points toward the armory. Ty will reach out to Matt to check with him.

November 5th at 11 will be our next meeting. Lauren will send out an agenda.

Motion to adjourn—Lauren

Second--Carrie

Statement on the Sustainability

(as offered on Senate Committee website)

Our Commitment:

While honoring our mission to keep the Kutztown University campus beautiful, we hereby state that we are committed to both the protection of human health and the environment.

In light of our commitment, we establish the following guidelines and principles:

1. Care of KU grounds and buildings should always be conducted with widely accepted, acceptable, and standardized techniques that limit or decrease:
 - a. any harm to the individual
 - b. the need for major repairs, restoration, and/or replacement of campus environmental landscapes, all of which would upset the basic aesthetic of the campus and the community.
2. All environmental interventions should follow a continuum, starting from the gentlest and least invasive before proceeding to the next level.
3. While economic factors sometimes necessitate certain courses of action, economics alone should not have primacy over social or environmental concerns.