Minutes
Campus Beautification & Preservation Committee Meeting
11/27/18 BH 105 11:00am

1. Meeting was called to order.
In attendance were: Kaoutar El Mounadi; Rajeev Kumar; Holly Tienken; William Meeker
Not present: Carrie Nordlund; Margaret Bestwick; Karen Stanford; Magdalena Monet, Claudia M Delong, Kirsten Moyer

2. Approval of Minutes:

3. Announcements:

4. Old business:

5. New Business

Professor El Mounadi volunteered to be the chair of the committee. Everyone was in favor of her for the position.

Mr. Meeker gave a presentation on the issue of growing population of spotted lanternfly (an alien species to the State of PA) in Pennsylvania. This issue is also affecting Kutztown area. He provided some information on how the Pennsylvania department of agriculture (PDA) is funding different approaches to contain the spread of this species. According to the provided documents, “the purpose of this Invasive Plant Pest Eradication & Mitigation Services Invitation to Qualify (ITQ) is to qualify responsible and responsive contractors to perform services necessary to control and/or mitigate the effects of invasive plants or invasive pests of plants.” An important information for the members of Kutztown community is provided in 2018 Ailanthus Tree Marking Protocols. According to this protocol, trees intended to be Trap Trees (trees to be retained and treated with systemic insecticide) will be marked with red tree marking paint. Mark the trap tree with a red “X” near eye level. Most of the time of this meeting was spent on the discussion of this issue. Dr. El Mounadi suggested that the team from the PDA in charge of the project meet with faculty of the biology department who have research projects in the areas where the project will be implemented. The goal of the meeting would be to make sure that the PDA project does not interfere with the biology faculty’s research. Mr. Meeker took charge of setting up the meeting with the PDA staff and the faculty of biology.


7. The next meeting will take place on 2/21 at 11 in BH101.

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.