

# HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

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## Facilities Management

**DATE:** March 2, 2016

**TO:** TC Comet, Michael Fisher, Steve Sillett, Mihai Tomescu

**FROM:** Traci Ferdolage

**CC:** N/A

**RE:** Summary of February 3, 2016 Meeting

Following, you will find a summary of discussion which occurred at our meeting on February 3, 2016:

### Attendees

Members: TC Comet, Michael Fisher, Traci Ferdolage, Steve Sillett

### AGENDA

#### 1. Discuss Advisory Group Charge & Make-Up

- Traci has contacted Housing and is awaiting feedback on an appointee. It was noted that Kate from the Greenhouse would be a good addition to the group. Traci will modify the document; the Group was supportive of all other changes. Traci will finalize and review with campus administration; goal will be to have implemented by Fall 2016.

#### 2. Discuss Definition of What Types of Landscape Changes Require Review

- Traci provided a proposal for review by the group. The group discussed briefly and will review more in depth at the next meeting.

#### 3. Update- Tree Campus USA Designation

- TC reported working with Steve on an event discussing climate sequestration and how that fits into climate action planning. TC is still working to pull the event together for this spring so that we can move toward submission of our campus designation. Steve provided information regarding his availability.

#### 4. Discuss Campus Landscape Emerging Issues

- **Rogue Tree Planting on Campus:** TC reported that fruit trees are being planted on campus; believed to be an action of the Fruit Tree Alliance but not yet confirmed. TC will be talking with groups about issues to try and resolve. Traci noted that if a solution is not achieved, such should be further considered by this group. TC also noted that additional planting will likely occur or be needed around the greenhouse but such should be planned to ensure the same issues are not encountered. Steve agreed.
- **Dog Feces in Landscape:** TC reviewed the issue associated with a growing number of dogs on the campus. Traci asked TC to review requirements and education around picking up after your dog with staff in the Student Disabled Resources Center and with

Student Affairs to ensure current agreements provide for a responsibility clause. TC also noted we will be moving toward installation of pet waste stations.

#### 5. Updates on Current or Potential Upcoming Landscape Projects

- **Campus Community Garden:** Traci noted Facilities Management is awaiting feedback from the student group before this project will be permitted. TC will review with the group.
- **Siemens Hall Tree Placement:** TC is conducting research to determine the appropriate tree species and recommended a columnar growth form. Steve agreed and also noted that maples grow quickly.
- **Campus Tree Maintenance Pruning- Main Campus & Observatory:** TC reported he is still working toward completion of the maintenance pruning list generated last year and noted the Observatory will be an area of focus this summer. TC will schedule another walk for the group to review tree health so as to update the current maintenance plan.
- **Dacrydium, Fitzroya & Cathaya Tree Relocation:** TC reported all went well with the relocation and that trees appear to be doing well. Steve believes there are a few emerging issues which need to be closely monitored; he specifically noted one Dacrydium and one Cathaya are leaning. Steve also believes root systems were damaged (which is understandable given the area the trees were located) and that such is affecting water absorption capacity; he recommends future crown reductions to combat this issue. TC noted that crown thinning was not recommended by others until late spring/early summer but will monitor closely. Steve suggested we ensure crown reductions are completed before the ground begins to dry. TC also reported that a comprehensive watering plan is in place.

#### 6. Discuss Process to Update Campus Standard Plant List

- This topic was moved to a future meeting due to lack of time.