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Tree Campus Advisory Committee, 2023

Kevin McSweeney, chair	Director of Arboretum
Brent Lewis	University Landscape Architect, F&S
Morgan White	Associate Director for Sustainability, F&S
Ryan Welch	Superintendent of Grounds, F&S
Andrew Lamoreux	Forestry Supervisor, City of Champaign
Eliana Brown	Red Oak Rain Garden Director
Sinead Soltis	Sustainability Intern, F&S
Jack Reicherts	Civil and Environmental Engineering, undergraduate
Gabe Harper-Hagen	Sustainable Urban Design, graduate
Lucy Nifong	Vice Chair Internal of the Student Sustainability Committee
Maiah Caise	Co-President of the Student Sustainability Leadership Council

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to request you serve on the Tree Campus Advisory Committee for 2023. This committee is an advisory body to the Grounds Department at Facilities & Services (F&S) and to the campus community on matters relating to campus trees.

Committee responsibilities include:

1. Ensure that the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign maintains its Tree Campus Higher Education status, and submittal of annual application.
2. Plan an Arbor Day observance event, in collaboration with the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (iSEE), typically held on the last Friday in April.
3. Identify and support student service-learning projects related to trees, and collect information from those involved to include in the annual Tree Care Plan summary in December.
4. Establish goals for inclusion in the Annual Tree Care Plan and assist with accomplishing these goals.
5. Assisting the University in the implementation of the goals outlined in their Campus Landscape Masterplan.

While responsibility for campus trees is assigned to specific units, including Grounds and the Arboretum, the Campus Tree Advisory Committee can assist in providing guidance for future planning, input to the comprehensive campus tree plan, education of the campus community about the benefits of trees, and development of a community connection.

Thank you for your participation in this program.

Sincerely,

Ehab Kamarah
Interim Executive Director
Facilities & Services

cc. Dave Clark, Public Works Director, City of Champaign

