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Tree Campus Advisory Committee, 2022

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
Jay Hayek	Extension Specialist in Forestry
Andrew Lamoreux	Forestry Supervisor, City of Champaign
Eliana Brown	Red Oak Rain Garden Director
Sinead Soltis	Sustainability Intern, F&S
Julia Marsaglia	Earth, Society, and Environmental Sustainability, undergraduate
Jack Reicherts	Civil and Environmental Engineering, undergraduate

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to request you serve on the Tree Campus Advisory Committee for 2022. 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. Assist with maintaining Tree Campus USA status, and submittal of annual application.
2. Develop communication plan for announcing and celebrating the Tree Campus USA designation.
3. Plan an Arbor Day observance event, in collaboration with the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (iSEE) for Arbor Day, typically the last Friday in April.
4. Identify and support student service learning projects related to trees, and collect information from the students involved to include in the annual Tree Care Plan summary in December.
5. Provide input regarding campus tree policies, such as the proposed Tree Replacement and Damage Policy.

6. Establish goals for inclusion in the Annual Tree Care Plan and assist with accomplishing these goals.

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

