### Campus Tree Advisory Committee

### March 13, 2015

Present:

Stephanie Lage

Brent Lewis

Ryan Welch

Sonya Grindley (Minutes)

Absent: Mike Brunk, Morgan Johnston, Gary Kling, Kevin McSweeney

1. **Introductions**

No report.

1. **Status of Additional Budget Information**

Ryan reported that the Arboretum and DIA have no specific budget for tree care but do spend money to maintain…approximately $20,000/year. Campus Recreation spends about $5,000/year. Brent reported that regarding new construction, there is no budget as there are no line items reported within projects for tracking tree care/replacement. Stephanie reported that she contacted Crop Sciences for ACES research related budget. She was told to talk to Ryan Welch. Ryan will contact Doug Walters and inquire about budget.

1. **Arbor Day Observance Event (April 24, 2015)**

Stephanie shared that Earth Day is April 22, 2015 and Arbor Day is April 24, 2015. The Arbor Day Observance Event will be held on April 24th from 10:00-12:00. A teacher from Uni High would like to bring her class. It was decided that a hole should be dug prior to the event without the tree placed in it. Brent suggested that the tree not be pre-placed in the hole so that we could take the opportunity to educate about the tree. The tree would then be planted and the students could put the dirt and mulch in place. The tree will be planted on the Quad, Southeast of the English Building. F&S (Grounds) is funding and iSEE is matching the funds. The tree to be planted will be replacing a Honey Locust tree that was removed. There was discussion regarding which type of tree should be planted. Some options include: Bass Wood (Linden), Sugar Maple Leaf or Chinkapin. Ryan and Brent would like to have Gary Kling’s input. A marketing plan was discussed. Stephanie said that iSEE is happy to promote and that perhaps F&S should make the announcement through a press release. Stephanie and Morgan will work with CRC. They will also contact the Chancellor’s office to see if she is available to speak at the event. Al Stratman should also be in attendance. The members present feel that the proclamation should include our mission statement as well as the Urbana proclamation.

1. **Campus Tree Care Plan**

Brent reported that the Tree Care Policy is fairly standard. Brent and Ryan will update information and details to incorporate into the standards. Ryan will also talk to Elizabeth Stegmaier regarding following through on current policy which has not been being enforced.

1. **Other Business**

No report

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, 1:00-2:00 p.m. in Room 127 PPSB.