### Campus Tree Advisory Committee

### Notes for September. 2021

Attendees:

Kevin McSweeney, chair

Brent Lewis

Meredith Moore

Morgan White

Sinead Soltis

Ryan Welch

Jack Reicherts

Julia Marsaglia

1. Welcome and hello from Chair
	* Thanks to all for staying involved over the past year, promoting main goals
	* Thanks to Morgan for keeping us all connected
2. Recognition of Tree Campus USA designation to Chancellor Jones
	* Send thanks to Chancellor for keeping sustainability on his radar
3. Student projects
	* Jay: Top 10 trees on campus
		+ Sinead detailed that first-year students have the opportunity to work with Jay on putting a survey together
		+ Kevin might find an old brochure/book that shows an old poll from the Champaign Park District
		+ Brent mentioned the past trees acknowledged in historical buildings
	* Brent: tree canopy analysis
		+ Jennifer Fraterrigo with NRES looking at past lidar information
		+ Lidar information from 2008 and 2018 to align to our on-foot tree surveys
		+ Seeing a decline in trees from ’08, analysis looking to be finished by end of week
	* Kevin(new project):
		+ New shrubs(50+) that thrive under tree canopies, Southern arboretum woods
		+ Julia/Jack can reach out to Kevin about arboretum shrub project
* Mention of an outdoor student classroom, keeping students involved in tree campuses
1. Round table
	* Arboretum
		+ Ribbon cutting for new extension building on extension ground, no real designs in place
		+ New sign near nut grove soil pit in arboretum
		+ 3rd weekend of October for NRES students, southern arboretum woodlands (soil, owl, ect. – study areas in the department)
		+ Portable sawmills to campus- Urbana involved, Champaign in conversation
	* Champaign
		+ 180-200 trees to be planted this fall
	* iSEE
		+ Wed Oct. 20th 1-4 PM, sustainability celebration- all invited!
		+ Upcoming ted talks: 9/29 eco edition 6-7pm
	* Forestry
		+ Jay not in attendance
	* F&S
		+ UIUC deciding to fund campus landscape projects, new campus landscape plan
		+ Operational funding is in play to maintain campus landscapes
		+ Independent of campus master plan

Next meeting:

Talk goals for the tree committee, look over old plan and see what improvements can be made

Looking to meet in person sometime – Sinead send out calendar invite