### 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