

**Minutes**  
**Campus Beatification & Preservation Committee Meeting**  
**11/12/2019 BH 105 11:00am**

**Mission:** Makes recommendations as to ways the campus can be beautified both internally and externally. Solicits the cooperation of all members of the university community in keeping the campus beautiful.

**1. Meeting was called to order**

Acting Chair, Carrie Nordlund, Graduate Faculty Representative

In attendance: Carrie Nordlund, Mike Ennis (stand-in for Will Meeker), Greg Kaufinger, Brandon Krieg, Tyler Schwab, Karen Stanford,

Not present: Claudia DeLong, Lauren Moss, Holly Tienken

**2. Approval of Minutes from 10/08/2019**

Move-Mike, Second-Tyler. Unanimous approval of 10/08 minutes

**3. Announcements**

- Introductions
- November 5<sup>th</sup> Chairs of the Governance Committees Meeting (attachment)
- Tyler Schwab was at Board of Governor's meeting where campus beauty was appreciated.
- Beautification Committee needs to decide how to report to University Senate. What do we want to make public? Will be discussed in New Business.

**4. Old Business**

- Election of Officers— Carrie Nordlund, Chair and Brandon Krieg, Secretary  
Carrie will be leaving at end of semester with term ending. If she can't continue on committee, the committee will hold elections at end of semester.
- Sign Update: Signage ordered for research site between Boehm and Grim  
Signs ordered, not in yet.
- Safety of the Sharadin Building door, opens into driving lane of parking lot A8  
What is balance between aesthetics and safety? A question to take to University Senate? Nothing can be done about door until spring anyway (Mike Ennis)—perhaps a reflective sticker on the door then.
- Communications to Facilities, work order concerns.  
Discussed all faculty email communications on 10/08. Facilities is having to prioritize their work and the messages sent out can seem really negative to Facilities. Concern that we would want Senate to better support?

## 5. New Business

- Review By-Laws

Mike Ennis motioned to keep bylaws as is. Karen Stanford seconds motion. Unanimous Agreement by group 11/12/19.

- Karen Stanford report on KU galleries and collections

Art used to just end up in KU buildings and later Deans would ask for it to be removed. Karen has many old works of art that may or may not be owned by university—no budget for permanent collection, so falls under her purview.

Karen is trying to sort out which of these works is worth anything, which need to be thrown away. Some things are donated, so it's complicated. Dealing with donations, trying to purchase art that looks more modern.

Work has been stolen in the past by faculty and students. Trying not to display in long hallways to prevent theft. Ideally people would purchase things that make sense for their building.

Rosemary Sloat's work has recently been donated and put up in library. KU purchased two years ago a collection of silkscreened posters.

Framing and repair are an issue. Let faculty know getting art is more complicated than they might think.

We have a new Keith Haring silkscreen donation. We have a lot of insurance issues because KU doesn't technically own most of our works. Only insure if appraised, which is extremely expensive.

Karen is trying to assess 50 pieces on campus worth getting appraised, insured.

All of KU's art is listed in a spreadsheet on ehive. Thought at one time some valuable pieces would be discovered. Nothing of high value was discovered. But, it has all been listed.

Could report to Senate that retirees should report out what art is in their office.

- Assistance offered by Committee on Committees (questions about bylaws, issues to be brought to Senate)

- Reports Procedures to Senate (format, frequency, public or not)

In past we have reported minutes and summary statements at the end of the semester. Could include in "summary statement" a statement about our position on weed control and our desire to further investigate other options. We could send a paragraph around to committee to collaboratively draft. Part of statement could be we ask patience for maintenance based on budget?

Committee agrees to report public minutes, with summary reports sent around to group for collaborative editing and sent to senate at end of semesters.

Committee agrees not to meet on December 12th in favor of emailing around statement to collaboratively edit.

- October Weed Control Applications

Greg raises issue about the concerns expressed by colleagues about chemicals used to control weeds. Sustainability issue? We as committee need to be proactive in promoting the use of chemicals? Or, we might come to different conclusion? Something for discussion?

We could meet with Mike and facilities to hear more of the story and forward our support of facilities through Senate.

Carrie appreciates that they try to use roundup on holidays to expose as few people as possible; however, she is sensitive to roundup and felt its effects last time it was sprayed.

Karen says we as committee could also ask for budget allotment for different chemical.

Mike points out they use roundup when fewest people are here—also, there really isn't a safer substitute for roundup. Application was selective in areas—most every grassy area.

Tyler points out that signs were put up notifying people roundup had been used.

Carrie says we could list as desires signs that say roundup is being used.

Could ask Mike to give us a statement about the difference between TrueGreen and any other options.

Greg asks do we need to affirm as committee that in order to have a beautiful campus it needs to be weed free? Report that commitment to senate?

Karen asked if there is a mission or plan for how campus spaces are managed—priorities? Policies?

Mike says there is a plan but not necessarily a formal mission. Plan looked at each year when budget comes up.

Tyler asks question about flower baskets on main for instance—how do we determine whether a high-water-and-maintenance feature like that gets prioritized?

Mike says Maintenance is working as hard as possible to keep all areas beautiful.

## **6. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Carrie Nordlund. Seconded by Karen Stanford. Unanimous agreement.