

Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC)

Meeting of October 22, 1975

New Faculty member of EAC

Oscar Soule has been appointed as the new faculty member to fill the vacancy left by Richard Cellarius, whose term has expired.

Landscaping of the loop

Dean Clabaugh and Jerry Schillinger appeared before the EAC to explain their position on the EAC's recommendation not to go ahead with the design planning for the landscaping project. They felt that such projects must not be stopped until a new Master Plan is completed, due to the necessity of expending funds which will be lost if not spent during the current budget period. The priority of funds for this project was questioned; some EAC members felt that this project was not of an environmentally urgent nature and should be stopped until the new Master Plan was put into effect.

Clabaugh stated that the new Master Plan would not include a detailed landscaping plan, but most likely would include a more general statement that landscaping, where necessary, should be in concert with the natural surrounding environment. Schillinger stated that this project followed these objectives; that it was an attempt to restore the area to its natural state.

It was agreed by all present that the Committee should be consulted on the detailed plans of such projects. Schillinger said that after the design drawings are completed the EAC will be consulted for their recommendations.

A second issue was raised through this discussion as to whether or not the EAC should participate in the prioritization of Office of Facilities projects. This issue will be dealt with at the next meeting.

Removal of snags

Bill Knauss reported that the grounds crew has been using good judgement in determining which snags and leaning trees present a hazard which should be removed. Upon his recommendation, the EAC approved the following proposal:

The EAC agrees that, as a general policy, it is permissible to fall dead trees or excessively leaning trees where they present a hazard to life or property and where their fall line reaches a paved surface. (This proposal specifically excludes the Steve Herman Memorial Snag.)

Brush clearing on abandoned section of Overhulse Road

In response to the request for more information from the EAC, Facilities explained that Scotch broom does not create a drainage problem. The necessity for clearing the Scotch broom lies in the need to prevent it from spreading into the existing playfield. The EAC approved the removal of Scotch broom and brush from the drainage ditch, in order to prevent proliferation onto the existing playfield.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 29, at 2:00 p.m. in room 3319 of the Library.

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