

Texas A&M University-San Antonio

Campus Grounds & Aesthetics Committee

Monday, January 11, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Location: Microsoft Teams meeting

Present:

Valerie Barrera, Stephanie Black, Sarah Castillo, Gary Coulton, Antoinette Curl, Richard Delgado, Cecilia Espitia, Kathryn Funk-Baxter, Tamara Hinojosa, Michelle Janysek, Justin Korver, Eliaz McCullen, David McKenna, James Meyer, Joseph Pickering, Anna Romskog, Sean Vina, Mary Ellen Walker, Gavin Watts

Absent:

[none]

Minutes

- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Committee welcomed new members Anna Romskog with University Advancement and Dr. Tamara Hinojosa with President's Commission on Equity

- II. Minutes from October 26, 2020
 - a. No objections or edits proposed in regards to last meeting minutes, distributed November 2020. Minutes to be posted on website.

- III. Update on Subcommittees
 - a. Several subcommittees were presented to the group and members of the committee were asked to consider actively participating as members of those subcommittees. Subcommittees proposed were as follows:
 - i. Classroom Hall Wall Mural/Mosaic Subcommittee
 - ii. Lighting of the Cab Dome, Fountain Subcommittee
 - iii. Grounds, Gardens and Outdoor Spaces Improvements Subcommittee
 - iv. Fostering Community Partnerships Subcommittee
 - v. Student Volunteer Lead Opportunities Subcommittee
 - b. Members asked to follow-up via email with the subcommittees they were interested in being a part of.

- IV. Projects in Progress

- a. Jaguar Reflections finalization before fabrication
 - b. Nuestra Gente finalization before fabrication
 - c. Classroom Hall mural/mosaic
 - d. Entryway to Texas A&M University-San Antonio concepts underway
 - e. Direction for Interior for College of Business and Library Building being developed
 - f. Art exhibit for Black History Month
 - i. "Living in My Skin" Panel discussion and art reception to take place Friday, January 29 at 6 p.m.
 - ii. Student Michael Johnson and faculty member Dr. Ernest Thomas were captured by Lionel Sosa as part of the portrait collection and will be present to talk about the exhibit.
 - g. Partnership with SAAAMCO
 - h. Way Finding
- V. Campus Improvement Ideas/Discussion
- a. Replace temporary STOP signs with permanent STOP signs.
 - b. Suggestion was made to preserve natural features of the campus and plant more trees, such as oaks.
 - c. Suggestion was made to have a subcommittee for the university art collection.
 - d. Rename the roads that lead from the Jaguar Parkway to the parking lots: currently roads into the parking lots are called Ring Rd 1, Ring Rd 2, and Ring Rd 3.
 - i. A suggestion was made to use renaming as a potential development opportunity. However, road renaming is generally done as an honor or in memory of individuals, and not as a fundraising opportunity.
 - ii. Several options were proposed, including Frank Madla Way, Greg Garcia Way, and Maria Hernandez-Ferrier Way
 - iii. Group will resume this discussion at a later date.
- VI. Next meeting to be scheduled in March 2021.
- VII. Adjourn
- Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.