Aesthetics Committee Meeting
February 19, 2016
Palanakila 117

Members: Carol Cunha, Lillian Cunningham, Charles Whitten, Joe Ciotti, Mike Kato, Ellen Nagaue, Paul Nash

Guests: Donita Garcia (Student) and Brian Pactol (V.C. for Administrative Services)

Meeting started at 10:35 AM

Agenda:
1. Approve December’s minutes
2. Crescent Moon Sculpture
3. New Aesthetics Chair
4. Solar Power on Campus
5. Ginger and Heliconia
6. Covering Smoking Areas
7. Introducing new Director for Administration Services

1. December minutes: Charles made a motion to approve. Carol seconded. Minutes approved, Toni Martin voted by e-mail, vote unanimous.

2. Crescent Moon Sculpture: Paul got an update from Bud Spindt about the moon sculpture. Bud is looking into light bulbs that don’t burn out so quickly. He will also give the name of a company that can do repair to the electrical unit for future repair. The committee recommends that blueprints and specs of the sculpture should be filed with the college for future reference when Bud Spindt may not be available.

3. Aesthetics Chair: This is Paul’s last semester as chair of this committee. Paul has chaired the aesthetics committee three terms. Paul will be recommending Chancellor Dykstra to find a new chair for the committee.

4. Solar Power on Campus: Instructor Nick Logue asked Nash about solar voltaic for the campus. This could be done on the new buildings on campus.
   Nash mentioned that he has solar voltaic panels at his house, which is behind the college, and his electric bill has dropped 80%. The committee recommends that Brian Pactol should look into this idea to save money long term.
5. Ginger and Heliconia: The plants by Manaleo building have been cut down from the sidewalk and Sherry Ching, Campus Maintenance Officer will remove some roots over the summer. Plants have also been cut back near Jamie Boyd’s nursing garden.

6. Smoking Areas: Donita Garcia asked if canopies can be put over two smoking areas to keep the rain from getting on the smokers near Palanakila and Alakai buildings. The committee discussed the situation and made no comment on the request. Donita will discuss the canopy idea with Student Government.

Instructor Bryce Myers who works in Iolani Building, has made a concern about the smoking area in front of Iolani Building. Bryce has said that secondhand smoke travels into his sculpture studio from the smoking area. Bryce has also commented that several academic students have complained about the mental patients. This has been a problem in general with students complaining about mental patients bothering them. Bryce is asking that the smoking area in front of Iolani Building be moved to another area on campus.

This was discussed in the master plan meetings that Paul attended and hopefully this problem can be resolved when we upgrade the campus with the new master plan.

7. New Director for Administration Service: Brian Pactol introduced himself and told us he was brought up to date with the former V.C. Kevin Ishida. The committee discussed several issues with Brian including the historical buildings, parking on campus, rain garden at the Palanakila parking lot, trees, two transformers by the Vet Tech building, the underground creek that runs through the campus and the idea to bring it up to ground level and create a Zen Garden in the new master plan. We also asked Brian to find out about the campus wide meeting with the KYA design firm pertaining to the new master plan.

Additional Information:

1. The Aesthetics Committee would like to give very high praise to Sherry Ching and her crew for doing an outstanding job keeping the grounds of our campus looking so beautiful. Sherry Ching is working with a shortage of crew helpers and should be recognized for her outstanding work. Sherry only has 1 groundkeeper and 2 general laborers to help with the grounds. Sherry only has two maintenance workers and one has been on disability for over two years. The committee recommends that addition
worker's be hired to help Sherry with the repairs and upkeep of the campus.

2. There are two historical buildings that do not have the red ceramic tile on the roofs. Naauao and Manaleo need to be upgraded to the proper design of the historical buildings. This was a huge mistake by the former administration and needs to be corrected.

3. The murals for the construction fence is a dead issue. When Emsy contacted Roy Inouye, Roy stated that he doesn't have any money for art supplies.

4. Charles made the recommendation that restricting the entryway to the campus at night and installing a guard shack would help in protecting the campus from theft. Paul made the recommendation that the access road on campus that the state hospital workers use should be closed off, which would create more separation between the two institutions.

5. It was also mentioned that the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board approved the proposed land swap with the State Hospital, which is one step in the process.

Minutes by Paul Nash
Paul Nash, Aesthetics Chair

Meeting ended at 11:31 AM
Next meeting is March 18th Friday at 10:30 AM
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