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Committee Report Form | YSU

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SENATE**

Date 4/11/2023 Senate Meeting Date 4/26/2023 Report # (Senate Use Only) _____

Intended Action: Informational X Senate Vote ___ Consultative/Advisory ___

Name of Committee Submitting Report: Design Committee

Committee Status: ad hoc

Names of Committee Members: Johnathan Farris (chair) (CCCA), Dawna Cerney (BCLASSE), Frank Daloise BCHHSE, Carmen Panaitof (CSTEM), Michael Pontikos (WCBA), Marissa M. Schmidt (student rep), John P. Hyden (AVP Facilities Maintenance), Bill Spencer (Assoc. Dir. Planning and Construction)

Elected Members

Appointed Members

Please write a brief summary of the report the Committee is submitting to the Senate:

This semester, last year's recommendations of the Design Committee that were unanimously approved to be forwarded by the Senate were finally passed on to the Board of Trustees and the President, although no formal presentation was made. We still await a response to the recommendations.

The one idea from last year's plan that might have been independently implemented, a cell phone app to lead visitors on a tour of interactive experiences between downtown and campus, is currently in a holding pattern. Currently the most apt person to implement this is a Department of Art faculty member who would need reassignment time to tackle the task. This has not yet happened.

The committee plans to be an active participant in generating feedback and/or critiques in Dawna Cerney's geography capstone next fall, which will produce a plan for landscape reclamation and restoration along an East/West corridor running through campus. The goal would be a redesign of the campus approach to improve both environmental and aesthetic qualities. It is presumed that, like with Prof. Cerney's previous projects in Columbiana County, the local government and NGOs could use the plan as a basis for applying for grants and making diverse improvements.

John Hyden pointed out that there was a possible volunteer opportunity for students with a campus neighbour in Smoky Hollow who usually grows a robust garden but wasn't planning to this year. Dawna Cerney agreed it sounded like an interesting opportunity and engaged in promoting the potential linkages that could be made with Assoc. Provost Cossentino.

It was reported that the request for proposals for the new student center was underway. The committee requested to be considered as an interested party in the selection process.

Finally, the committee would like to make it known that if there are design issues being handled in a less centralized way (i.e. a bit of redecorating being funded internally by a college or department) that we are ready and eager to consult on the matter. We do have a broad assortment of design expertise to offer. Also, if there is anyone who is eager to be added to the committee, please email Johnathan Farris—he would be glad to advocate for additional members.

If substantive changes in your committee recommendation are made from the floor, would the committee prefer that the matter be sent back to committee for further consideration?

Introduction and Rationale

Type introduction and rationale here.

Revised Policy/Policies (when applicable)

Type revised policy here

Recommendation

Type recommendation here.