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Dartmouth Campus Services
Campus Landscape & Stewardship Committee

Composition and Charge

Background: The Landscape Committee within Campus Services has existed for several years without a formal charge and with an unstructured committee composition. In response to recent organizational changes within Campus Services, as well as the increase in construction activity impacting the campus landscape, it is necessary to formalize the charge and composition of the Landscape Committee to ensure efficient and effective management of these issues. Additionally, a heightened focus on long-term stewardship of the campus is reflected in the renaming of the committee to the Campus Landscape & Stewardship Committee.

Purpose and Function: Serve as the primary planning and approval group for projects and proposals related to improvement and modification to the campus landscape and hardscape, evaluating consistency with the strategic framework, historic context, materiality, and accessibility. Additionally, the committee shall serve as the approval authority of design standards for landscape and hardscape.

Governance and Reporting: The committee's reporting chain is through the Vice President for Facilities and Energy, with regular communication to the Senior Vice President of Operations.

Composition of the Committee:
VP for Facilities & Energy
Senior Director of Campus Planning (chair)
Senior Director of Operations
Director of Grounds
Director of Parking & Transportation
Assistant Director of Renovations & Renewal
Assistant Director of Sustainability
Senior Planner (meeting facilitator)
Consultant Landscape Architect (as-needed professional advisor)

Charge:
1. Serve as the primary planning and approval group for improvements and modifications to the campus landscape and hardscape.
2. Establish a formal process for projects and proposals related to improvement and modification of the campus landscape and hardscape and identify standard project checkpoints triggering committee review.
3. Develop and publish design standards for the campus landscape and hardscape.
4. Identify opportunities and initiate solutions to help achieve the "aesthetic and materials vision" for the Dartmouth campus.

Operating Guidelines:
1. The committee will meet at least every month with a pre-published agenda.
2. The committee will issue guidelines about what types of landscape and hardscape improvements or modifications require committee approval and establish a process for review.
3. Summary of Action notes will be kept for record and reference, along with completed request forms.
4. The committee will communicate and publish design standards upon initial adoption or amendment.