MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) February 29, 2024

Between The Office of the Provost (OP), University Planning, Design & Construction (UPDC), Facilities Operations (FO), and the Arboretum Committee (AC)

For the University of Connecticut Arboretum in Storrs, Connecticut

- All planting plans and projects managed by UPDC and FO that propose new trees within the Arboretum shall be submitted to the Chair(s) of the AC for review and comment during the Design process, or at least once prior to procurement of new trees. Recommendations from the Chair(s) will be strongly considered, particularly comments that promote tree succession, interest, and diversity.
- 2. All site logistics plans managed by UPDC and FO that propose tree preservation within the Arboretum shall be submitted to the Chair(s) of the AC for review and comment during the Design process, or at least once prior to construction mobilization. Recommendations from the Chair(s) will be strongly considered, particularly comments that enhance tree health and vitality during construction.
- 3. The AC Chair(s) will be notified in advance if a tree within the Arboretum must be removed by UPDC or FO, unless it poses an immediate hazard to public health, safety, or welfare, for which FO will provide records of removal at least quarterly. Any tree removed within the Arboretum will be replaced 1:1 caliper inch whenever feasible, with the goal of no net caliper loss annually.
- 4. UPDC and FO may also consult with the AC Chair(s) about selection, removal, or preservation of other plant material within the Arboretum such as ornamental shrubs, vines, and groundcover.
- 5. The AC Chair(s) are responsible for communication to, and input from, the full Committee, including but not limited to arboreta inventory, related news/events, significant additions or removals, and certifications.
- 6. The AC Chair(s) shall recommend Committees members with consideration of suggestions from OP, UPDC, and FO.
- 7. AC meetings shall be held at least once an academic year, and more often as needed.
- 8. This Agreement shall supersede and replace all prior agreements, promises, and understandings, oral or written.

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