

**Proctor, David**

**From:** Curtin, David T.  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2007 10:30 AM  
**To:** Proctor, David  
**Subject:** RE: Campus Beautification Submission

Dave,

I am on the committee and I've been meaning to mention something that is not directly related to the goals of the committee (and thus doesn't really belong on the form you distributed), but I thought it worth mentioning.

I work in Sloan, and I noticed this Spring that the trees out in from of Sloan were mulched in a style known as "volcano mulching". This is when you pile a lot of mulch up close to the trunk of the tree, so that it looks like the tree is popping out of a little volcano of mulch. This will eventually kill a tree, because the mulch will keep the bark around the base of the tree moist, and it will rot. The mulch also encourages critters to nest in there, and attracts ants or termites. The base of a tree should be visible down to where it begins to spread out, sort of like the bell of a trumpet. Anything above that spreading-out point must be out in the open air.

Also, I noticed that the grass under these trees (in front of Sloan) is not growing. You might want to spread some pelletized lime around the more wooded areas of campus. It's cheap (\$5 for a 40 lb bag where I get it, at the Chatham Run Mill store), it won't burn your grass no matter how much you put on, and it helps neutralize the PH of the soil (which the presence of trees tends to make acidic). It also helps the grass absorb fertilizers and keeps the moss away.

For more info about volcano mulching, look here -  
<http://www.ppd.l.purdue.edu/PPDL/weeklypics/12-30-02.html>

Have a great day!

David Curtin

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Proctor, David  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2007 8:30 AM  
**To:** @Staff; @Faculty  
**Subject:** FW: Campus Beautification Submission

Unfortunately the editing feature in word did not turn off despite my efforts. The document I sent to you has a lot of editing notes. If you can't turn them off, please use the new copy attached.

Sorry.

Dave

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**From:** Proctor, David  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2007 8:18 AM  
**To:** @Staff; @Faculty  
**Subject:** Campus Beautification Submission

Good morning.

The Campus Beautification Committee is soliciting suggestions from the LHU community on campus appearance. We want to hear what you feel would make a difference!

To submit your ideas, please fill out the attached form as completely as possible. If you are unsure of what information to include, please feel free to call me at 484-2018 and I will be glad to discuss your ideas and make suggestions on the information needed. The

forms can be sent to my office at the East Campus, or submitted electronically as a word document or PDF. Electronic submissions should be sent to dproctor@LHUP.edu.

As I receive the submissions, I will develop an order of magnitude cost estimate and take them to the next committee meeting in November. At that time, the committee will prioritize the work based on the point score totals for the seven criteria shown on the form. I will place the results of the committees prioritization on the Facilities web site.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR IDEAS...WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

Dave Proctor  
Facilities Director