

**Saint John's Arboretum Advisory Council-Collegeville subgroup**  
**Minutes from the November 11, 1997 Meeting**  
**3:00-4:30 p.m. at Sexton 213**

**Members Present:** Cheryl Knox, John Kulas, Sarah Pruett, Paul Schwietz

**Members Absent:** Gordon Brown, Scott May

**Committees:** We thought that we should form three committees, not five, in order to have working groups. The council only has fifteen members. We thought the following was a logical arrangement:

Education (will include four areas: K-12, Prep school, University, and Adults. The middle two involves our own student body.)

Management and Restoration

Fundraising and Publicity

However, we also recognized the importance of having area groups meet—such as in Collegeville and Twin Cities. (It seems that we may not have one in the Northwest as Tom Sullivan has decided not to be on the Council. He let me know about this after our meeting.) I am not sure how we can have both interest groups and regional.

The role of the committee. There were two ways we would have the committees work; they could be a discussion group to surface ideas. Then the whole council could define and refine these ideas. Another way to do it would be for the committee to be a discussion group that would surface and develop ideas. After these have been clarified, proposals would go to the whole Council. We favored the latter definition as it gave more responsibility to the committees and encouraged them to be more effective.

**Role of the Advisory Council**

We spent a significant amount of time discussing this topic, following up on the work done by the Twin Cities Group.

Help develop the mission and vision of the arboretum.

Help develop the goals and objective of the program

Help develop an overall plan of action for site development and use.

Set up committees that advisors can focus on based on priorities of the overall plan.

Evaluate ho programs meet goals and objectives

Evaluate how the arboretum serves its constituents

Help develop a fundraising plan and solicit funds for the Arboretum

Help create partnerships that will further the goals of Saint John's Arboretum.

**Education;** What are we currently doing? How can we improve what we are doing already?

What do we really want to be doing in two years? In five years?

Liked the idea of bringing the faculty together. Learning from one another, interdisciplinary approach.

SJP Mike Percuoco teaches the A?P environmental science course

Biology and Chemistry

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.