

Spring 2018 Advisory Meeting Minutes

Program: Electrical

April 5, 2018

Location of Meeting: Electrical Shop Room E016

Members:

Roy Simoes, Senior Engineer, Peabody Municipal Light

Christopher Girard, Electrical Program Graduate, Class of 2013, Project Manager

Socrates Xerras, Licensed Electrician

Andrew Andricopoulos, Licensed Electrician

David Keenan, Owner Keenan Electric, Parent

Carly Keenan, Student, Class of 2021

Essex Tech Staff:

James Gangi, Electrical Program Instructor

Christos Xerras, Electrical Program Instructor

Agenda Items:

1. An error on the membership form was noted, with Andrew Andricopoulos listed as the Program Chair. Mr. Christopher Girard holds this position. Mr. Andricopoulos agreed to sign the form but Mr. Girard will assume Chair duties moving forward.
2. The October meeting minutes were reviewed.
3. The Quality Assessment Tool and Bias Review Checklist was again reviewed. This requirement was again questioned by Mr. Girard and Mr. Simoes. It was explained that DESE and Federal regulations are requirements for all public schools.
4. The local job outlook was discussed with respect to co-op student employees and graduate employees. It was mentioned that the new co-op coordinator, Ms. Lisa Berube as done excellent work in expediting student and employee paperwork for co-op. It was also noted that the need for licensed professionals still exceeds the need for apprentices.
5. An update was given on Outside Program Work and on campus work. Habitat for Humanity has proven to be an excellent experience for students with two homes nearing completion and a third ready to start. On campus work including the jobs in Auto Tech and Collision Repair have been successful and exposed the students to more commercial type work.
6. The Related "theory" class scheduling issue was updated. This has become an ongoing problem. It has been requested for several years that the related class be moved to the student academic week for upper

classes. This year it was given consideration, but ultimately the schedule remains the same. This is frustrating as this schedule limits the amount of time a student is eligible to earn towards licensure from the Chapter 74 program.

7. A request for industry professionals was made to attend the May 3 Portfolio Review for seniors. Mr. Simoes promised to ask the community relations people at the Peabody Municipal Light to attend.
8. Industry trends were mentioned and it was suggested that increased low voltage training be added to the curriculum. Certain new technologies related to security systems and cameras require this training. Concern over the need for licensure to do this work was noted and maintaining the integrity of the electrical license was deemed important. It was also noted that introducing new technology to the program should not be done at the expense of important core skills.