

Program Advisory Minutes - Fall 2017-2018
Plumbing - October 17, 2017

Members Present:

Jamie Jalbert : New Chairperson - Jalbert Plumbing & Heating , parent
John Pezzoto : Witch City Plumbing & Heating
Dave Fila : Bartlett & Steadman

Note : Unfortunately 6 members could not make meeting

Subject : Coop Education

We discussed the number of students on Coop. We discussed feedback from various current employers as well as past employers. Dave from Bartlett & Steadman how pleased they are with a former student who they took on Coop and is currently still employed there. John from Witch City said he just hired a former Plumbing student. They all agreed we are on the right track on what is being taught here at Essex Tech.

Subject : Quality Assessment Tool

All Committee members given assessment tool. The committee was made aware we will be trying to complete as much as possible.

Subject : Budget

We discussed current budget and what specifically we used money for. We asked for donations of specific equipment such as old boiler parts. Jamie Jalbert said he would ask Peabody Supply Corp for some donations. We also discussed materials not currently in shop that would improve program. We agreed to email members some items that they might have that would be beneficial to Plumbing Program.

Subject : Competency for Employment

We discussed specific skills that employers would want the Coop students and graduates to have that currently are not part of curriculum such as using an expanding tool and Pex fittings not used in shop. WE asked for donations of tool and fittings to be able to teach this. Dave Fila said he might have some old tools to donate and Jamie said he would ask supply house to donate some fittings. We discussed other skills needed as well. We also discussed cell phone use on job site , etc. Dave Fila mentioned how well a former student is doing at the company. The committee again asked about creating an area outside to teach underground piping. We told them it was in the works and we were waiting for a price from Masonry on foundation.

Subject : Curriculum Bias Form

The committee answered the form to the best of their ability. Chairperson signed document.

Subject : Program Review

The committee had no concerns and found shop neat and orderly. Chairperson signed document.

Subject : Adjournment

No other items on agenda , meeting adjourned 7:50 p.m.

James Russell

Mike Guida