



Fall 2019 Program Advisory Committee Minutes

Program: Arboriculture

Date: 10/17/19

Members Present: Mike Tilton, Matt Roberts, Nick Falcione,
Tim Lequeauf, Maggie Graves, Maddie Stewart,
Rachel Gagnon, Steve Noble, Chris Wood

Program Facilitator: Steve Noble and Chris Wood

Committee Chair: Matt Roberts

Subject: Student Enrollment/Placement

Discussion: 90% senior placement, assumed 75% + junior placement. Matt R. asked what percent may stay in the field. 50% of seniors are presumed to stay in the field post school. In terms of placement: The need for students to be 18 yrs old has been still limiting to companies hiring. Everyone in looking for employees, between 2-5+ employees per company present.

Subject: Annual Programmatic Review

Discussion: Went great.

Subject: Bias Review Checklist

Discussion: Completed.



Subject: **Quality Assessment Tool**

Discussion: Passed over.

Subject: **New Trends in the Occupational Area**

Discussion: More efficient climbing equipment. Ipads in trucks. Work order systems. Track lifts. Battery operated saws. Storm body trucks. Sennebogens. Sena headsets/communications. GIS hands free.

Subject: **Employment Outlook**

Discussion: Everyone is looking for employees. Consistent need in the field for skilled labor. Labor demand is sky high.

Subject: **New Business**

Discussion: Getting a winch on chipper. More Sena's headsets. Arboretum.

Grounds committee development. Sell firewood sales.

Subject: **Recommendations**

Discussion Permit teachers to select students, or at least direct selection. Committee is frustrated with selection process as they want more and "better" students aligned with major. More dialogue between admin and staff. Possibly downplay importance of grades to get into school.

The meeting adjourned at (time): 8:38pm