



Spring 2019 Program Advisory Committee Minutes

Program: Electrical

Date: 4/2/19

Members Present: Christopher Girard, Hannah Lilly, Adam Jorgenson, Carly Keenan, David Keenan, Socrates Xerras, Brian McHugh, John Cappy, David Delande, Nick Taormina, Nick Humerian, Christopher Antonellis, Andrew Gallione

Program Facilitator: Christos Xerras

Committee Chair: Christopher Girard

Subject: Portfolio review volunteers

Discussion: The committee was polled to check interest in serving as a portfolio review volunteer. Christopher Girard, Nick Taormina, Brian McHugh, and John Cappy all expressed interest and requested notification about a week before the review day.

Subject: CVTE Programmatic Review Findings

Discussion: The committee was pleased that there were no deficiencies found during the programmatic review. Andy Andricopoulos and Kevin Gagnon demonstrated the updated safety system for testing student projects. All members were impressed. It was noted that David Edmonds of DESE praised the system during a recent visit and recommended it as a model for electrical programs in other vocational schools across the state.



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Subject: Student Enrollment/Placement

Discussion: The freshman draw this year was down from prior years, and is closer to the DESE recommended number (15). Interest remains high in the program and the demand for qualified apprentices and especially licensed professionals was noted by David Keenan, Brian McHugh, and Nick Taormina. Placement remains consistent with 14 of 20 students from the Class of 2018 working in the electrical trade. It was noted that this is also somewhat lower than traditionally expected, and various factors causing this outcome were discussed. The committee was not concerned with this atypical class. Superintendent Riccio visited the meeting at this time and joined the discussion, noting that several programs were underway or in development to increase the use of the school and provide technical training to a broader scope of students. These programs include a CAC Grant for on campus renovation by students during the summer months, a program bringing Gloucester students to Essex Tech for Laborer Training, and the reconfiguration of the animal care program to incorporate Angell Memorial Hospital on campus.

Subject: Industry recognized credential survey (please complete as a group)

Discussion: The committee was confused with the format and topics of this survey and suggested that it be tabled pending more information and training.

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Subject: Employment Outlook

Discussion: The committee unanimously agreed that based on industry trade projections and “construction starts”, the employment outlook remains strongly positive for the foreseeable future. The need for licensed professionals was again noted and Christos Xerras offered a short summary of the Adult Education Electrical program, which provides the training for such licensure. It was noted that 100% of the ENSATS Electrical graduates who pursue a career in the electrical trade attend the Adult Ed program. Of these, 100% who have qualified for, and taken the journeyman electrical exam have passed. Three have also taken and passed the master electrical exam. The committee was pleased with this information.

Subject: Recommendations

Discussion: The committee reinforced its recommendation to continue with the existing curriculum, focusing on core skills. It was noted that employers prefer a student apprentice/ professional apprentice with a narrow set of well developed core skills rather than a broad set of undeveloped skills.

The meeting adjourned at (time): 8:50 PM