



## **Fall 2019 Program Advisory Committee Minutes**

**Program:** Landscape and Turf Management

**Date:** 10/17/19

**Members Present:** Brad Chase, Joe Szczechowicz, Sally Stems, Dan Anastos, Drew Gagnon, John Marshall, Jordan Marshall, Andrew Travers, Anthony Travers, Lisa Giannino, Jake Marshall

**Program Facilitator:** Tim Graham, Jack Domoracki

**Committee Chair:** Bill Butts (absent) John Marshall (acting)

**Subject:** Student Enrollment/Placement

**Discussion:** The committee was happy to hear how many seniors are on co-op and is looking forward to helping as many juniors as possible get co-op jobs in the spring. The committee is excited to hear how many freshmen choose the shop this winter.

**Subject:** Annual Programmatic Review

**Discussion:** The board discussed and completed the annual review

**Subject:** Bias Review Checklist

**Discussion:** The board discussed and completed the annual review

**Subject:** Quality Assessment Tool

**Discussion:** The board discussed and completed the annual review



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

**Discussion:** The committee was happy to hear about the new excavator. They believe that the next step is to get the pneumatic tools that go with it as they believe this is the future. The committee also commented that they are using google earth to do their take-offs and recommend exposing the students to it.

**Subject: Employment Outlook**

**Discussion:** The committee continues to stress that the outlook for employment is great

**Subject: New Business**

**Discussion:** The floor was opened up to new business. At this time the committee asked why there were manholes in the shop, stating that they don't remember manholes being part of the frameworks or curriculum. Tim Graham explained to the committee that the manholes belonged to the Construction Craft Laborers Union (CCL) and that CCL was still using that part of the shop. The committee then said that they remember that from the spring but was under the impression that CCL was its own shop now and thought that they would be given their own shop area. Tim explained to the committee that Landscape and CCL where both occupying the shop at this time. The committee asked how long this would be going on for. Tim replied that he doesn't know. The committee asked what the long range plan is. Tim responded he doesn't know. The committee then asked how does the shared space physically work on days like today (Thursday October 17) where the weathers bad and everyone's working inside. Tim said that it's a little snug in the shop on days like this, but we're all doing the best we can. The committee then said that they were concerned with the safety of the students with 45-50 students, who might not be on the same page, working in this size space. Tim said that the students safety is always our top concern. The committee acknowledged that the landscape department is always run very safely, but were



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still concerned with having two shops in one area. The committee then said that even taking the safety aspect out of the equation, they are still concerned with two shops in one area. Tim asked them to explain. The committee said that they thought it would be difficult for two shops to be able to develop in the one area. The committee continued by asking how CCL is going to be able to build their own identity in this space while Landscape maintained their identity. Tim said that he does not have an answer for them on this. The committee then ended the discussion by saying that they thought the idea of the CCL program, especially with all of the juniors and seniors coming in, is a great idea, but that they think it's detrimental to both programs to have the shared space.

### **Subject: Recommendations**

**Discussion** The committee was happy to hear that the newly formed separate related class will be covering the pesticide manual. They also think it would be beneficial to expose students to some of the colleges in the area that have horticulturally related majors.

**The meeting adjourned at (time): 8:10**