



Fall 2019 Program Advisory Committee Minutes

Program: Sustainable Horticulture

Date: 10/17/19

Members Present: Amanda Mattison, Lisa Fulsom, Pat Riccardi, Emily Brown, Parent- Sarah Sponholtz, Katie Sponholtz, Clay Kerns and Jillian Plante

Program Facilitator: Jillian Plante

Committee Chair: Amanda Mattison

Subject: Student Enrollment/Placement

Discussion: Currently - Seniors 4, Junior 5, Sophomore 6
Katie talked about her experiences in class and the frustration of not having one on one time with a combined class. Don mentioned addressing this individually.

Subject: Annual Programmatic Review

Discussion: Talked through the APR form and discussed what's happening in our classroom and shop. Talked about hydroponics in the far greenhouse, pop up shops and sales.

Subject: Bias Review Checklist

Discussion: Talked about the BR Checklist.

Subject: Quality Assessment Tool

Discussion: Will work on next meeting.



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

Discussion: No big trends since last spring, a lot of focus on Non-Profit school work; Teaching younger students; Pinterest inspirations.

Subject: **Employment Outlook**

Discussion: Jobs are available, just not in the “right” locations. We talked about COOP in Horticulture and that driving is an issue. Emily Brown brought talked about her experience with COOP as well. Talked about non-profit work and farm to school program. Also talked about a supplement to COOP, potentially a textbook supplement.

Subject: **New Business**

Discussion:

- * Attracting even gender numbers- how do we market Horticulture to males?
- * Talked about what “industry standard” is for a “full” greenhouse. Both Lisa & Amanda volunteered to host trips.
- *Spoke about what can we grow in summer? This brought up the topics of sustainable food and farming as well as farm to table. Additionally there is someone here to water over the summer, but thats all that gets done is the watering. Lisa brought up growing primroses.
- * Outdoor food production- we have the raised garden beds, but no other area. Clay said he and Paul Crofts are talking about outdoor growing area? Again- concern is there is no one here in the summer to maintain.
- * Getting in touch with Sophie at Appilla Farms was suggested.

Subject: **Recommendations**

Discussion: Gender equality in the industry should be talked about.
***Before the meeting it was asked- why is there no black and white photo for Sustainable Horticulture?

The meeting adjourned at (time): 8:15ish