



Fall 2020 Program Advisory Committee Minutes

Program: Electrical

Date: 10/22/20

Members Present: Adam Theriault, Instructor; Richard Whitaker, Christos Xerras, Brian Cranney, Adam Jorgenson, David Keenan, Carly Keenan, Chris Antonellis, Nick Taormina, Paul Bartlett, Andrew Gallione, Sean Leach, Ed Colbert.

Program Facilitator: Christos Xerras

Committee Chair: Brian Cranney

Subject: Curriculum Bias Form

Discussion: The form was completed and the committee agreed that it is an important subject. That said, the technical nature of electrical textbooks has almost no depictions of people or names.

Subject: Student Enrollment/Placement

Discussion: It was noted that the enrollment of the program is very healthy, bordering on oversubscription. Mr. Cranney and Mr. Taormina commented on how important it is to get the “right” students in the program. “Right” meaning a student who intends to continue in the trade. Both Mr. Cranney and Mr. Taormina expressed concern about students working on co-op and deciding to attend college rather than becoming permanent employees after graduation.

Subject: Remote Learning Best Practices

Discussion: Zoom meetings with an effort to replicate live lecture were agreed to be the best option for theory class.



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

Discussion: Solar photovoltaics and electric vehicle charging systems were discussed.

Subject: **Employee Outlook**

Discussion: Chris Antonellis noted that while employment has not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels, the outlook remains strong. Brian Cranney noted that his business has expanded and is looking for additional licensed electricians and plumbers. Nick Taormina projects a steady increase for the next 5-6 years. Andrew Gallione reports that his business has been steadily growing since opening in early 2019.

Subject: **Portfolios**

Discussion: All members familiar with the portfolio process agreed that additional personalization of portfolios would be beneficial.

Subject: **Recommendations**

Discussion: David Keenan, Adam Jorgenson, Andrew Gallione, Chris Antonellis, Brian Cranney, and Nick Taormina all agreed that the Electrical Program is moving in the right direction. Chris Antonellis offered 25 new 2020 National Electrical Code Books to the program.

Subject: **New Business**

Discussion: Brian Cranney and Nick Taormina both inquired as to the possibility of an intermediate step between shop work and co-op. Chris Xerras agreed to discuss this with co-op coordinator Lisa Berube.

The meeting adjourned at (time): 7:30PM