



Spring 2021 Program Advisory Committee Minutes

Program: Arboriculture

Date: 4/7/21

Members Present: Tim Donohue IronTree Service. Beverly, MA
Margaret Graves ENSATS student.
Chris Wood ENSATS faculty member.
Don Ducharme ENSATS CTE director stopped in briefly for the meeting. (~5-8 minutes)

Program Facilitator: Chris Wood

Committee Chair: Not present.

Meeting started at 6 pm via Zoom.

Subject: **Student Enrollment/Class of 2024**

Discussion: Class of 2024 has 8 students enrolled. Seems like a strong class that is very interested in staying in the field.

Subject: **On Campus Learning Update**

Discussion: The arbor program has been very limited by Covid, with this year's sophomores also being limited from their learning experience at the end of the 2019/2020 school year due to Covid. Students have started to come back to their shops full time. All students are thrilled to be back.



Subject: Curriculum Bias/Programmatic Review

Discussion: Curriculum Bias form was completed and submitted. Some parts were left blank as the PAC didn't consider it relevant. Program self assessment was completed by Steve Noble and Chris Wood prior to the meeting. At the PAC meeting we review the Program Self Assessment.

Subject: Senior Portfolio Showcase

Discussion: Tim Donohue from Iron Tree volunteered to sit it on the Portfolio Showcase Panel. We are on the lookout for more individuals.

Subject: Employee Outlook/Industry Trends

Discussion: Job opportunities across all sectors of tree care are abundant. All tree companies in the area are in need of, or are desperately looking for staffing. IronTree in Beverly, MA is looking to hire 10 staff this year alone.

Subject: Recommendations for Program

Discussion: Tim D. suggested that we make sure that students have good pruning skills, as it's an important skill set for the industry. We discussed the possibility of securing a replacement mini skid steer for the program, as many companies are using mini skid steers in the tree care industry. The mini skid that the school has currently is old, outdated, finicky, and not particularly student safe as it's jumpy to operate. (Update post meeting)As



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of April 14th 2021 the main piston on the mini skid is leaking and difficult to find parts for.

Subject: New Business

Discussion:

The meeting adjourned at (time): 7:15 pm.