

SAF MEETING
November 21, 2005

MINUTES

(Comments organized by topic)

MEETING WITH JAMIE SAVAGE TO DISCUSS NYS SAF MEETING

Introductory Comments from Jamie

NYS SAF Meeting February 2nd and 3rd in Liverpool

Would like to have visible student involvement

Free student registration in return for help with logistics and setup

Also, would like to develop a panel discussion of students and professionals

Students will formulate questions to ask SAF professionals

The session will probably take place Thursday morning

Purpose – Get students more involved in the meeting and facilitate contact between students and professionals

Discussion about the Logistics of the Panel Session

Jamie – Panel will be 30 minutes, 4 to 5 students representing different schools

Rene - The dialog will be in front of the general session, not in concurrent sessions

Katy - If possible have the student panel meet ahead of time to review/plan questions

Nan – Mix up the topics, address different areas of interest

(Note: there was some discussion about whether or not to have a panel of professionals answer the questions but it was decided, on Dr. Germain's recommendation, that the student panel address questions to the audience in the general session rather than a chosen panel of professionals)

Jamie – Free-form will require a good moderator

Nan – Nan is willing to act as student moderator with René

Mike – Moderators should have cordless microphones

The ESF SAF will choose two students, one graduate and one undergraduate to serve as members of the panel.

Ideas for Questions

What kinds of opportunities exist for students?

Also, changes in the industry, future of the industry, declining enrollment in forestry programs

What skills are desired by employers?

What skills are required in different sectors?

How should students prepare for employment?

How does what we are learning relate to the real world? (theory vs. practice in forestry)

Role of SAF in professional life

Does the SAF code of ethics influence your work?

What is the most important characteristic of a successful entry level employee?

Other Issues

Jamie will check into ESF SAF selling t-shirts at the meeting

Jamie will identify need for volunteers and let ESF SAF know where they can help

Nan – It would be nice to get members of the Woodsman's team more involved in ESF SAF. If you are on the team, or know someone on the team, invite them to a meeting.

To Do:

Finalize ESF participants in the panel

Next meeting we will finalize the draft of ESF SAF questions

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Members Present

Nan, Nate, Dani, Brandon, Kayla, Mike, Bill, Derek, Lise

Panel Discussion

The meeting was set to finalize a list of questions for the ESF component of the student panel to take place during the winter meeting of the NYS SAF in February.

Jamie Savage will use our list of questions to work with other schools and balance the content and perspective of the panel discussion.

Discussion will be 30 minutes. Title TBD.

The student panel will pose questions to the audience. Dr. Germain and Nan will facilitate.

Nan will write up the final question list and get it to Jamie.

Question Topics of Note:

- Role of SAF for professionals

- SAF Certified Forester Program

- Silvicultural ideals vs application in the field

- Forestry training vs. education

- Skills and training required for government vs private sector

- Role of SAF code of ethics

If you would like to see the final list of specific questions, email Nan.