SAF MEETING
November 21, 2005

(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

SAF MEETING MINUTES
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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.