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Military Education Council

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Military Education Council Meeting  
February 15, 2016 3:00 pm  
Air Force Classroom, 325 Armory Building

Present: Thomas Teper - Chair, Jenny Bateman - MEC Secretary, Thomas Anastasio, Joe Brown, LTC Christopher Leung, David Miller, CAPT Charles Moore II, Michael Sandretto, Timothy Stelzer, Lt Col Shane Sullivan, CPT Dave Tanner, MIDN 1/C Scott Van Hoy  
Absent: Scott Althaus, Marni Boppart, Calvin Lear, and Spencer Haydary  
Representing the Arnold Air Society: Omar Haney, Noah Sherman, Ilya Vorobyev, and Tristan Creek

### **Call to Order**

Prof. Teper called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm. Introductions were made.

### **Arnold Air Society Request**

Cadet Haney gave a short presentation on the Arnold Air Society, an Air Force ROTC extracurricular organization. The Society focuses on officer development and volunteer work. Nation-wide there are 3,000 cadets and 133 squadrons. The U of I squadron has 25 members.

The local squadron is planning to put forth a bid to be the national headquarters for the Arnold Air Society. As part of the bid, they need to secure and submit plans for a budget. In most cases, the funds for this budget come from the squadron's university, however they have anticipated funding difficulties and have already fundraised \$12,000 of the necessary \$30,000 budget. Cadet Haney requested \$5,000 from the MEC and assistance in securing the remainder of the funds. They had been directed to submit a request to the Provost through the MEC.

Joe Brown, the Chancellors Representative on the MEC, planned to contact the appropriate channels to make a request for funds. The Council decided to wait and see what would be awarded and then make a decision on contributing if necessary.

### **Budget Discussion**

Prof. Teper explained the budget guidance that had been received for FY17. We are tasked preparing a budget report and plan for a 5%, 7%, and 9% reduction in FY17, and in the current fiscal year a possible rescission of 12 ½% and 25%. He has a meeting planned with the three COs for later in the week to discuss the implications of cuts and work on putting together details for the report. He stated that the contractual obligations with the services, as well as physical locations of the departments eliminate the possibility of reducing secretarial support.

Additionally, he isn't aware of any plans that would change the organizational structure of the MEC and ROTC departments that could result in any cost savings. Prof. Teper offered to share the draft of the budget report with any interested MEC members for comments.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Prof. Stelzer moved to approve the provided minutes from the October 30, 2015 meeting. David Miller seconded and they were approved with no changes.

### **After Action Report**

#### Veterans Day and December Commissioning

CAPT Moore reported both events were successful. Veterans Day had better attendance than in years past and they plan to continue their outreach efforts this year.

One Marine, five Army, and two Air Force students were commissioned at the December Ceremony.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### Honors Day, Army Hall of Fame, & 100 year Anniversary

LTC Leung reported on plans for an event-filled weekend with Army Hall of Fame Ceremony taking place on April 8<sup>th</sup> and the Tri-Service Honors Day on April 9<sup>th</sup>. This year Army ROTC is also celebrating a 100 year anniversary which will be celebrated at their dining-out banquet and with a run.

#### Spring Commissioning

Lt Col Sullivan stated that plans for the May 16<sup>th</sup> commissioning ceremony are underway. Guest speaker will be Mr. Daniel Sitterly, the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

#### Take Back the Night

Lt Col Sullivan also mentioned that he is on the University's Rape Awareness and Prevention Council and had learned that the community program RACES, who typically plans the Take Back the Night event, had been greatly affected by the state budget and was looking at closing its doors. He had planned to suggest the ROTC departments work to coordinate the event in their stead, but thankfully RACES has received some community support that has enabled them to remain open and continue with the event. It will take place sometime in April.

### **Koenigsberg Award Interviews**

The Military Education Council is responsible for selecting the recipient of this award that goes to the top female cadet. A nomination is submitted by each of the three departments and the candidates are interviewed and selected by a board of three MEC members. Prof Teper asked for volunteers to serve on this board. Prof. Steltzer, Prof. Sandretto, and if needed, Prof. Anastasio agreed to serve.

**Staff Turnover**

A nomination packet was just sent out for the candidate to replace Lt Col Sullivan as Air Force Department Head this fall. Additionally, the nomination for the next Army Department Head to replace LTC Leung this fall and a Navy Assistant Professor nomination should be received soon.

**Military Minor**

Prof. Teper has a meeting planned with Steve Witt of the Center for Global Studies and Cliff Singer of ACDIS regarding possibilities for a minor. He has also been in communication with Lisa Burgoon from ACES regarding the minor in Leadership Studies.

**Briefing**

Lt Col Sullivan gave a briefing on the Air Force ROTC program.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 pm.