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Military Education Council Meeting
April 6 April, 2018 10:00 am
Navy Conference Room, Armory Room 237B

Present: Thomas Teper - Chair, Jenny Bateman - MEC Secretary, Eric Ashworth, James Brennan, Joe Brown, CAPT Anthony Corapi, Lt. Col. Christopher Johnson, Matthias Perdekamp, Candace Martinez, Cadet Alejandro Nava, LTC Randall Smith,
Absent: Scott Althaus, Angela Lyons, Matthias Perdekamp, Lynne Rudasill, and Anthony Davis,

Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. Prof. Brennan motioned, CAPT Corapi seconded, to approve the provided minutes from the February 14, 2018 meeting. They were approved with no objections.

Upcoming Events

Honors Day is scheduled for April 7 at 10:00 am in Foellinger Auditorium. 140 individual awards will be given out with 13 representatives from various organizations attending to present awards. Lt Col Johnson mentioned that he had been in contact with the American Legion national office about getting awards for all year levels like have been awarded at institutions in other states. We currently receive awards from them for just Juniors and Seniors from the American Legion Department of Illinois. The number of awards we give out has almost doubled since 2011.

Spring Commissioning will be on May 14th in Foellinger Auditorium. Lt Col Johnson provided a bio on the guest speaker, Hal Hoxie, retired Air Force Colonel and President of Central Christian College. Plans are for approximately 46 students to commission, with 17 from Army, 14 from Air Force, and 15 from Navy/Marines. The event will be largely the same as in previous years.

Minor Opportunities

Prof Teper provided an update on the various opportunities for listing ROTC course in other colleges' minors.

The Minor in Leadership Studies, from the College of ACES: The addition of six ROTC courses (two per service) to the list of electives has been approved by Senate Ed Pol on March 8th and was reported to the Senate on March 12th. Currently, we are waiting on the official notice of its classification. At this point, it is safe to discuss this with students as an option. Additionally, the minor can be applied retroactively if a student has happened to take the appropriate courses to earn it.

College of Business: The college is currently doing an investigation regarding non-business students taking business classes. Once that is complete, there may be some minor opportunities for ROTC students. The college was receptive to the idea, and we should revisit down the road.

Political Science, LAS: Prof. Teper recently met with Bob Pahre and Tom Rudolph regarding opportunities in the department. They felt that there may be possibilities in including ROTC coursework in the Political and Civic Leadership Minor and perhaps in International Relations track of the Political Science Minor. They have access to a box file containing the ROTC curriculum and syllabi, which they will review to see what may work.

Global Studies, LAS: There was also a recent meeting with a group from Global Studies, headed by Tim Wedig. In this minor, students take some foundational courses and then choose one of seven thematic areas. They felt there may be opportunities for ROTC coursework to be included in the Governance Conflict, and Resolution theme and the Knowledge, Communication, and Information Systems theme. They also have access to the ROTC curriculum and syllabi and are reviewing.

Contracts Update

A draft of the updated contract for Navy has been received and forwarded to the Provost. Air Force has pulled back from the update of the contract and are not expecting any changes at this time. Army has moved to phase approach for updating their contracts. They expect to receive something next Spring, but the LTC Smith anticipates that it will be very general that the unit would add an attachment with specifics for the institution. Prof. Teper suggested scheduling a meeting to go over the contracts with the three Department Heads.

Scholarship Issue

LTC Smith gave an example of a recent Army ROTC federal scholarship recipient who had U of I as his first choice, but ended selecting another school because the school offered a room and board scholarship. It may be worth discussing this with specific colleges. It is possible that the college may have the ability to provide a room and board scholarship, and may be willing since the student would be bringing in outside scholarship money.

Budget Request/Practice Field

Prof Teper has discussed the need for an outdoor practice field, and the \$23,000 price tag from Campus Recreation, with Bill Bernard. He requested that Prof. Teper provide some bullet points on the issue to refer to when he discusses this with the Chancellor.

Also, the budget office recently contacted us about our FY19 budget request- in which we had requested doubling our non-salary budget. They asked for a specific number to place on the request and we responded with \$50,000. \$23,000 of that would earmarked for use of the practice field. CAPT Corapi brought up that we may not use the field as much as the time the \$23,000 cost was estimated for, since ROTC usage would be affected by weather. It would be best if we could come up with an MOU with campus rec that would charge us based on actual usage.

Early Registration

There has been a request by ROTC for the students to receive early registration access. The Council of Undergraduate Deans determines this distinction and priority assignments are up for review again in 2019-2020. Prof. Teper has made the request that early registration for ROTC be addressed sooner than the scheduled review timeframe. He has asked the ROTC units to provide information that will help justify this request.

MILS120

Lt Col Johnson and Mr. Ashworth provided a draft of the syllabus for MILS 120, which is scheduled to be offered for the first time this coming Fall. Lt Col Johnson and Mr. Ashworth will be the primary instructors for the course, but plan to utilize Navy, Marine and others from their services to teach some of the classes. This course was developed after an attempt at creating a Military Science minor failed. It is a general education course that is meant to be a bridge between ROTC and civilian students. It also may be a possible bridge to a future minor that could include non-ROTC students.

Siebel Center for Design

Prof. Martinez brought up the Siebel Center for Design which is set to be built near the Armory building in the coming years. While it is not yet clear exactly how the space will be utilized, it is supposed to be a space for creative thinking, collaboration, and developing creative solutions. She encouraged the ROTC units to think about how they could be involved in the Center.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 am.