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Military Education Council Meeting
April 19, 2016 1:00 pm
Army Conference Room, 114 Armory Building

Present: Thomas Teper - Chair, Jenny Bateman - MEC Secretary, Scott Althaus, Thomas Anastasio, Marni Boppart, Joe Brown, CPT Nathan Elkins, LTC Christopher Leung, CAPT Charles Moore II, Lt Col Shane Sullivan, and MIDN 1/C Scott Van Hoy
Absent: David Miller, Michael Sandretto, Timothy Stelzer, Calvin Lear, and Spencer Haydary

Call to Order

Prof. Teper called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. Lt Col Sullivan moved to approve the provided minutes from the February 15th meeting. Prof. Althaus seconded and they were approved with no changes.

Prof. Teper stated that the MEC is short one senate member for next year. He requested suggestions for possible members as the Senate is having difficulty finding someone to fill the vacancy.

After the meeting, we learned that the Senate Office has found a senator to fill one vacancy, but we still have one non-senator position to fill.

Faculty Changes

He announced that there will be two nominations coming to the Faculty Review Committee in the next few weeks. The Air Force has a nomination for an Assistant Professor. Also, LTC Kluck, who had been approved as the next Army Professor and Head, is now being deployed. The Army is currently working on a packet for that position.

LTC Leung will be deploying at the end of the semester and Lt Col Sullivan will be retiring. Plaques in appreciation of their service to the ROTC programs were presented to each of them.

Briefing

LTC Leung gave a briefing on the Army ROTC program.

After Action Reports

The third Army Hall of Fame induction took place on April 8th. Five alumni were inducted, two posthumously, and two were able to attend the ceremony. This event provides examples to the cadets of what they can become.

The Tri-Service Honors Day ceremony took place on April 9th. Numerous awards were presented to the cadets and midshipman from a wide variety of organizations.

Arnold Air Society. Lt Col Sullivan reported that our Arnold Air Society chapter, the Jake Shaffer Squadron, had competed and was ultimately selected, to become the National Headquarters of the organization for the 2016-2017 year. In order to put in a bid for this, they had to secure an operating budget, which typically comes from the host University. They were able to raise approximately \$15,000 on their own and then were able to secure the remainder of their necessary budget from the Office of the Provost and Military Education Council.

Budget. Prof. Teper reported that two weeks ago we officially received our allocation for FY16. 12.5% of the budget is still being held centrally in case of rescission, but on top of their usual operating budget an additional \$6,000 was allocated to each service.

At this time, we have no information on the FY17 budget. Our report was submitted and received, but there has been no response regarding any decisions.

LTC Leung asked if there was a way to request a larger allocation for the ROTC departments. Prof. Teper said that in the coming year we could look at different models for allocating the funds we do receive, possibly by headcount or activity. This was the first year in recent history that we were asked to provide a budget report/request. Prof. Althaus suggested looking at the funding the peer ROTC programs receive from other Big 10 Universities. If our University provides less than others, that information might motivate them to increase the allocation.

SORF Scott Van Hoy brought up that SORF, which provides funding for student organizations, has stopped approving requests for leadership based activities. The Navy had travel reimbursement to a leadership conference denied. Lt Col Sullivan also confirmed that the Air Force Drill Team had a request for funding denied. Additionally, SORF only provides reimbursement, so the organization must spend the money up-front for travel to events and then are put in a difficult situation when funding is denied. Prof. Teper asked that they provide details on the situations and he would reach out to SORF regarding this.

Upcoming Events

Spring Commissioning

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

Minor

Prof. Teper reported that he and the COs had met with Lisa Burgoon and Dean Kramer from ACES regarding the Leadership Studies minor this morning. The Leadership Studies Minor includes four core courses and two electives chosen from a list of twenty seven options. At this point, there is a good possibility of adding some of our 200 and 300 level MILS and NS courses to their list of electives for the minor. As a next step, it might be possible to substitute an ROTC

course for one of the core courses, either one of our current offerings or with documentation of summer training exercises. We are to follow up with them within the next month with some additional course information, with the elective courses possibly being approved as additions in September.

Prof. Teper said he is still in contact with Steve Witt of the Center for Global Studies and Cliff Singer of ACDIS regarding possibilities for minors within their departments. He explained that the purpose of this approach to the minor is to provide our cadets and midshipman with opportunities to have their ROTC coursework count toward a degree. An added benefit would be the opportunity to have more non-ROTC students taking our courses and being introduced to the programs.

Prof. Althaus mentioned that Minor in Civic Leadership in the Political Science Department might be another opportunity to explore. He offered to make an introduction for Prof. Teper.

Parkland Crosstown Enrollment Changes

Prof. Teper reported that Parkland College recently received direction from the IBHE that they should not be transcribing the ROTC courses that we are offering. Instead, students will need to dual-enroll, enrolling in their ROTC course through the U of I and then transferring that course to Parkland.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 pm.