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Military Education Council Meeting  
April 28, 2015 10:00 a.m.  
Navy Conference Room, 237 Armory Bldg.

Present: Thomas Teper, Chair, Jennifer Bateman, Secretary, Thomas Anastasio, Marni Boppart, Joe Brown, MAJ Aaron Johnson, CAPT Charles Moore, Arne Pearlstein, Mike Sandretto, Timothy Stelzer, LTC Eric Stetson, and Lt Col Shane Sullivan.

Absent: Madison Scanlan, Tonya Swink, and Katie Villagomez-Guzman

**Call to Order**

Prof. Teper called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Prof. Stelzer motioned to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2015 meeting. LTC Stetson seconded and they were approved with no changes.

**Honors Day**

LTC Stetson reported on a successful event. Next year they would like to have each service assign an officer to report to the lead to ensure that all the preparation can be completed in a timely manner. In addition, they are considering new ideas for recognizing the sponsoring organizations. This year, they gave them each coins, in the past they have given certificates. Since many of the sponsors return year after year it would be nice to give them something different.

**Spring Commissioning**

Lt Col Sullivan reported that plans are underway for the May 18<sup>th</sup> ceremony. In a change from previous years, the three services have agreed to compress the time between their individual ceremonies (8:00 a.m.) and the tri-service event (10:00 a.m.). In interest of time, the first salute portion has also been removed from the program. Each service will casually do this following the ceremony, possibly on the stairs outside of Foellinger. A practice for the event has been scheduled for the evening before. President Easter will be the guest speaker.

**Flag pole**

LTC Stetson reported that they have \$17,000 raised for the project to restore the flagpole on top of the south side of the building. Work began to replace the pole, hatch, ladder, and add lighting and safety systems last week. He anticipates that the project will be complete within the next two weeks. They are looking at dates to hold a flag raising ceremony at either noon or 7:00 a.m., possibly sometime during finals. This would give those who donated an opportunity to see the flag. They would like some cadet/midshipmen representation at the event.

### **LTC Stetson retirement**

LTC Stetson reported that his replacement, LTC Leung will be arriving in mid to late July. This will give him time to prepare for the cadet orientation that takes place just before the start of the semester. LTC Leung is one of the first Psychological Operations Officers to be selected for a Professor of Military Science Position. He has also been selected for battalion command, so while he will certainly be here for a year, he may be moving on prior to the standard three year assignment.

LTC Stetson will be retiring on June 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a retirement ceremony for him after the Commissioning ceremony on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 in the Illini Union. Prof. Teper presented LTC Stetson with a plaque extending appreciation from the Military Education Council.

### **Ms. Bateman's leave**

Ms. Bateman reported that she is expecting a baby in mid-September and will be out on maternity leave for twelve weeks in the fall. She will be in contact to schedule the MEC meetings for the fall semester in August, and Ms. Carr, the Navy Secretary will be standing in for her meeting-related duties.

### **Armory Renovation**

In fall of 2016 there are plans for the south side of the Armory Building to have some renovations done. Work will be done to the exterior envelope of the building and the first and second floors will have heating & air work done, as well as updates to finishes- flooring, painting, lighting. The Army and Air Force offices are located in the portion of the building that will be renovated. They would like to relocate the departments for the approximate year and a half that the work is being done, possibly to some swing space on the third floor of the building. Ms. Bateman is representing the Armed Forces departments on the planning committee. She will be working closely with MSG Staub and a representative from the Air Force throughout the process.

### **Navy Briefing**

CAPT Moore gave a briefing on the NROTC program.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.