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Military Education Council

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Military Education Council Meeting
September 7, 2016 3:30 pm
Navy Conference Room, 237B Armory Building

Present: Thomas Teper - Chair, Jenny Bateman -MEC Secretary, Scott Althaus, Marni Boppart, Joe Brown, MAJ Michelle Campbell, MAJ Aaron Johnson, CAPT Charles Moore II, LTC Randall Smith, Brock Russell
Absent: Michael Sandretto

Call to Order

Prof. Teper called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. Introductions were made. Prof. Teper noted one correction in the provided minutes from the April 19th 2016 meeting. CAPT Moore moved to approve them and Prof. Althaus seconded with no objections.

Membership/Subcommittees

Prof. Teper explained that the MEC is currently short three faculty members and two student members. Prof. Lynne Rudasill from the Library and Prof. Mathias Grosse Perdekamp from Physics have been nominated for the Faculty positions, but their nominations won't be voted on until the Senate meeting on the 19th.

Prof. Boppart and Prof. Althaus agreed to continue on the Faculty Review Subcommittee. The vacant spot on that subcommittee will be filled after the MEC membership has been filled. The other two subcommittees, Course and Program Approval and Evaluation and Interdepartmental Coordination are committees on the whole and are used as needed.

Budget

The report of FY16 MEC expenditures was provided to the council. There were no questions regarding it. Prof. Teper explained that for the FY17 budget, most resources were allocated directly to the departments instead of holding an amount back to later purchase items for the departments as has been done in the past. In discussing budget last year, the departments expressed they would prefer this.

Other Activities

The Arnold Air Society AFROTC Detachment 190 was selected as the National Headquarters for this year. Their bid was selected by a great margin. The detachment had raised approximately half of their budget and were able to secure the remaining budget from the MEC and Provost's Office. This is a good PR opportunity for the campus and detachment.

Cross listing ROTC Courses for Minors Prof. Teper stated that Lisa Burgoon, from the Leadership Minor in the college of ACES, was putting together a committee to review the Army and Navy courses to see if they could be cross listed. They didn't have any 300 level courses from the Air Force to review. A possible concern was that the 300 level ROTC courses are not open to everyone, however, MAJ Campbell explained that with Commander approval anyone could take the Air Force courses. Additionally, the Air Force courses are currently undergoing some changes that will include a portion of leadership in each level. Prof. Teper indicated that he would share the 300 level course materials with Lisa Burgoon once the syllabus/curricula were sent to him.

Prof. Teper had recently followed up with Steve Witt and Cliff Singer to re-look at the possibility of cross listing in an ACDIS minor. He had also looked into the Political Science Civic Leadership minor, but there was not much opportunity there. Prof. Teper stated that if other ideas or opportunities for minors come forward he is willing to pursue them.

For the coming year, Prof. Teper explained that while ROTC has good relationships with many campus units, University Police and DIA for example, he wondered if there are possibilities for connections with academic units on campus. This could be for general visibility on campus, integration with 'regular students' on campus, opportunities for speakers and intersections between ROTC and people on campus who may have common interests.

CAPT Moore suggested that Prof. Teper bring this up at the upcoming NROTC Association conference. LTC Smith mentioned opportunities for ROTC students to assist in programs that require a security clearance.

Mr. Russell felt there was opportunity for student connections- there are many students on campus who have an interest in ROTC, but have chosen not to be in the program for various reasons. Additionally, he felt that throughout campus there is little information about ROTC, many students find out about it from other involved students. Housing would be a good opportunity to introduce ROTC information. Some schools have their own ROTC residence hall. Mr. Brown stated that in the future there may be potential for the Center for Wounded Veterans to become ROTC student housing if the need for a place for wounded veterans lessens.

LTC Smith stated that there is a disconnect with the advising in the various colleges on campus. In some cases, they don't have a good understanding of what ROTC is or how credit can be applied in their programs. If they were aware of the benefits, advisors have the potential to direct some students to ROTC. Prof. Althaus mentioned ILLiAAC (Illinois Academic Advising Committee) as an opportunity to present information to advisors about ROTC.

Center for Wounded Veterans Last year, Lt Col Sullivan made the suggestion of adding Nick Osborne or a representative from the Center for Wounded Veterans to the Military Education Council. This would be a procedural change that would have to be approved by the Senate. Dr. Osborne has invited the MEC to hold the next meeting at the Center. Prof. Teper will explore the addition of a member with Dr. Osborne and the possibility can be discussed at the next meeting.

Upcoming Events

9/11 Memorial Run CAPT Moore stated that the run will begin at 4:00 pm on September 8th at the Armory flagpole and conclude on the quad in front of the Union. There will be an opportunity for he and the other COs to address the crowd at the conclusion of the run.

Veterans Day The usual Veterans Day format of a formation in the Armory with a speaker and reception following will take place in the afternoon on November 11th.

Briefing

CAPT Moore gave a briefing on the Naval ROTC program.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 pm.