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Military Education Council

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Military Education Council Meeting  
September 19, 2017 1:00 p.m.  
Navy Conference Room, Armory Room 237B

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. Introductions were made and Prof. Teper provided an explanation of the Military Education Council's charge and responsibilities.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Prof. Rudasill motioned to approve the provided minutes from the April 19, 2017 meeting. They were approved with no objections.

### **Subcommittees**

Prof. Rudasill and Prof. Althaus will be continuing on the Faculty Review Committee. Prof. Teper requested an additional faculty member to serve this year. Prof. Rudasill explained the Faculty Review Committee's responsibilities and requested that the Commanding Officers provide a description of job duties when submitting nomination packets. Prof. Brennan agreed to serve on the Faculty Review Committee.

Prof. Teper reviewed the other subcommittees and explained their roles. The committees and their responsibilities memorandum was last updated in 1994. He suggested reviewing the committees at the next meeting.

### **NROTC Association Meeting**

The NROTC Association is a consortium of institutions that have Naval ROTC programs. Prof. Teper is unable to attend the annual meeting this year and offered the opportunity to attend to one of the MEC members. The meeting takes place November 2-4, 2017. The first day is typically a visit to a local Navy point of interest and the second day is the meeting where NROTC issues are discussed and questions are answered. The MEC office needs confirmation by mid-October if anyone is interested in attending this year's conference.

**Contracts**

DoD has instituted a review of all ROTC contracts with host universities for compliance with federal law. This review came about after an issue at another University was reported where they were requiring their ROTC faculty to sign an agreement to abide by the University's moral code. In most cases, the review just requires an amendment to the contracts to include adherence to federal law.

The Navy and Air Force contract amendments have been approved by campus. However, it was discovered that in addition to all three of the contracts being very dated, they were also never signed by someone at the University with signatory authority. The University has requested that we begin the process to update all three contracts within the next six months. The three ROTC departments are currently working on obtaining contract templates to begin this process.

**Other Old Business**

Prof. Teper will be following up with Leadership Studies on the cross-listing of ROTC courses for their minor. The approval process was stalled over the summer. Both LTC Smith and CAPT Corapi spoke of how this will be a great opportunity for students to get credit on their transcripts for all the additional courses they must take as a part of ROTC.

Prof. Teper is also meeting this week with Barry Benson regarding advancement opportunities for the military departments.

**Veterans Day**

CAPT Corapi stated that there will be a different approach to the Veterans Day ceremony this year. Instead of the usual formation on the Armory track, they are planning a lunchtime event on November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Illini Union. The focus will be a social gathering and networking of ROTC and various local veterans.

**Medal of Honor**

The Medal of Honor that was awarded to University of Illinois alumni, MAJ Bailey, will be on display at the library for the month of October. CAPT Corapi spoke about a ceremony they will have on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 4pm to recognize this.

**Air Force Briefing**

MAJ Heidbreder gave a briefing on the Air Force ROTC program. He spoke about the growth of the detachment, increase in scholarships, and the two year program option.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.