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Military Education Council

208 Armory Building
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Military Education Council Meeting
January 21, 2105 10:30 a.m.
Navy Conference Room, 237 Armory Bldg.

Present: Thomas Teper, Chair, Jennifer Bateman, Secretary, Thomas Anastasio, MAJ Aaron Johnson, David Miller, CAPT Charles Moore, Arne Pearlstein, CDR Clay Robinson, Michael Sandretto, Madison Scanlan, Timothy Stelzer, LTC Eric Stetson, Lt Col Shane Sullivan, and Katie Villagomez-Guzman

Absent: Marni Boppart, Joe Brown, Michael Sandretto, and Tonya Swink

Call to Order

Prof. Teper called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Lt Col Sullivan moved to approve the provided minutes from the November 14, 2014 meeting. Prof. Stelzer seconded and they were approved with no additional changes.

December Commissioning

CAPT Moore reported that the December 22nd Commissioning was successful. There were four commissioned.

Update on Advancement Activities

Prof. Teper reported that he and LTC Stetson had recently met with Dan Peterson and some staff from the Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement office. The fundraising effort to restore the flagpole on top of the south center entrance to the Armory building is underway. \$50,000 is the goal for this project, the first half would be used for the initial work and the second half for ongoing upkeep. Solicitation in the alumni magazine will begin soon.

The flagpole fundraising campaign will be a springboard for raising funds for a tri-service endowment. Prof. Teper has been working with the COs to develop a list of points to provide to the VCIA office on potential uses of the endowment. Facilities improvements, leadership development, and creating educational opportunities are items they have discussed. Once he has completed a draft, he will distribute to the MEC for comment before sending to Mr. Peterson. Also, Ms. Bateman is working to update alumni information with the Foundation.

Honors Day

Honors Day will take place on April 11, 2015. At this event, cadets and midshipmen receive scholarships and awards from various military organizations. This is a benefit to the students and an opportunity for the ROTC programs to connect with the various community organizations.

There is a large amount of planning involved with preparing for this event, so Ms. Bateman will be assisting with the preparation. The project officer for each service needs to be named today, and the awards matrix needs to be returned by February 9th.

MILS 120 Instructors

Prof. Anastasio reported that the MILS 120 course was approved for general education credit. He explained that teaching to general students would be different than teaching to ROTC cadets/midshipmen. There is a greater possibility that students taking this course may be strong writers, may wish to debate, may have something against the military, or could be looking to embarrass the instructor. It is important that the instructors for this course have strong presence, knowledge and experience. The Faculty Review Committee is confident that the COs could instruct this course without issue, but has concerns about some of the junior faculty teaching it.

LTC Stetson, Lt Col Sullivan, and CAPT Moore each expressed their understanding of the necessary attributes required to instruct MILS 120. While the COs may not be able to instruct this course because of issues like staffing and workload, they will only assign those to this class that they are confident will be successful.

If the instructors would like, a teaching assistant can be hired either at 25% or an hourly basis for the purpose of grading papers. At the last meeting, it was suggested that the instructors teach this course out of uniform. Uniform was discussed, and it was decided that military uniforms should be worn at least part of time by each of the instructors. It is important that the students associate the instructors with the US Military. The course will not be taught until Spring 2016 as spring is the most convenient for the departments and has a greater likelihood of freshman enrollment. Plans for Spring 2016 MILS 120 course will be discussed at the Fall 2015 MEC meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.