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Military Education Council

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Military Education Council Meeting
November 10, 2016 1:00pm
Center for Wounded Veterans in Higher Education

Present: Thomas Teper - Chair, Jenny Bateman - MEC Secretary, Scott Althaus, Joe Brown, Omar Haney, Lt Col Christopher Johnson, CAPT Charles Moore II, LTC Randall Smith, Lynne Rudasill, Brock Russell
From CWWHE: Nick Osborne, Dustin Lange, Katie York
Absent: Marni Boppart, Christopher Higgins, Matthias Perdekamp, Delmar Rhodes, Michael Sandretto

Call to Order

Prof. Teper called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. He gave a short history of the Military Education Council and an explanation of its charge. Introductions were made.

Center for Wounded Veterans in Higher Education

Dr. Osborne spoke about the Center, which opened in 2015. He explained that they offer services to student veterans with some sort of disability. Each student has an individualized plan for services. Currently 85 students are utilizing the Center and 12 of the 14 residential spaces are occupied. Mr. Lange, the Associate Director, spoke about the student and career services offered. Dr. York, Clinical Psychologist, explained the process for students to receive services from the Center and the health and life services provided. She also spoke about her role as a liaison with the VA.

The representatives from the CWWHE then left the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections to the provided minutes. CAPT Moore motioned and LTC Johnson seconded the approval with no objections.

Faculty Review Committee

Prof. Rudasill volunteered to fill the vacancy on the Faculty Review Subcommittee. Other members of the subcommittee are chair, Prof. Boppart and Prof. Althaus.

Addition of CWWHE representative on MEC

Prof. Teper explained that at the end of last year, Lt Col Sullivan had suggested adding a representative from the Center for Wounded Veterans to the Military Education Council. This change would have to be approved by the Senate Committee on Committees. He stated that there

are three military related groups on campus: Military Education Council, Veterans Services in the Dean of Students, and the Center for Wounded Veterans. The MEC's charge only applies to ROTC, though there are some veterans involved in the ROTC programs. Prof. Teper asked for input on the addition of a representative.

Prof. Rudasill stated her concern was that the MEC charge does not include veterans. She has no problem with a CWWHE representative, but would not want it to diminish or take away from ROTC. It may be a good way to enhance communication between the programs.

Prof. Althaus stated he had previously been on a veterans' advisory committee that supported veterans and was central clearing house for veteran concerns. He said he would be more comfortable if the representative was ex officio or advisory- without voting rights. His concern is that there could potentially be a conflict of interest regarding budget or other resources. He suggested adding the representative as a liaison to keep communication open, not to be a required member.

Prof. Teper will talk with the chair of committee on committees regarding the language of making this sort of addition.

Minor Opportunities

Prof. Teper stated that a group from the Leadership Studies minor is currently looking at the coursework we provided to see if anything can be cross-listed in the minor. He also followed up with Steve Witt and Cliff Singer from Global Studies who are currently busy on another project, but will take another look at possibilities for their minor. Additionally, there may opportunities with Technical Systems Management for cross-listing some courses in their minor.

Prof. Rudasill said that ACDIS offers a Certificate in Global Security that may be an opportunity. Mr. Haney said there could be possibilities for the Minor in Communication, Leadership Certificate, and the Minor in Political and Civic Leadership.

Prof. Teper said that they had looked in to the Minor in Political and Civic Leadership and it seemed there wasn't interest in cross listing any of the ROTC courses.

Upcoming Events

Capt. Moore spoke on the upcoming events. The Veterans Day Ceremony will take place on the Armory track floor on November 11th at 5pm with a reception to follow in Armory room 132. The University Band will be participating for the first time. Retired Navy Lieutenant, John Dunn will be the guest speaker.

December Commissioning will take place in Armory room 101 on December 17th at 8:00 am. Eight students will be commissioning. Vice Provost Benmamoun will be attending.

Briefing

Lt Col Johnson gave a briefing on the Air Force ROTC program.

Other Items

Mr. Russell said the Air Force cadets were interested in having a tri-service ball in the Spring. He inquired if the MEC would be able to provide funding. LTC Smith and CAPT Moore both stated that they would not support adding an additional formal event for cadets/midshipmen this year.

Lt Col Johnson stated Air Force ROTC would be having active shooter training at an upcoming lab. Prof. Teper stated that University Public Safety provides "3 Minutes to Live" training that is an available option as well. He stated that in the past they have presented a program for staff and upper level students in the Armory.

Prof. Rudasill relayed a comment from Steve Witt about the impressive diversity of the sixteen Army cadets who took their oath at a recent football game.

CAPT Moore mentioned that Naval ROTC has been working with DIA to allow civilians to ring their bell at the football games. They recently learned that DIA has been selling raffle tickets for this privilege. He stated that he plans to contact DIA about sharing the proceeds and will inform Prof. Teper if he needs additional support.

Adjourn & Tour

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 pm. Garrett Anderson gave a tour of the Center.