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Military Education Council

208 Armory Building
505 East Armory Avenue
Champaign, IL 61820



Military Education Council Meeting
November 14, 2014, 1:00 p.m.
Army Classroom, 313 Armory Bldg.

Present: Thomas Teper, Chair, Jennifer Bateman, Secretary, Thomas Anastasio, Marni Boppart, CAPT Michelle Campbell, MAJ Aaron Johnson, David Miller, CAPT Charles Moore, Michael Sandretto, Madison Scanlan, Alexander Scheeline, Timothy Stelzer, LTC Eric Stetson, and Katie Villagomez-Guzman

Absent: Joe Brown, Arne Pearlstein, Lt Col Shane Sullivan, and Tonya Swink

Call to Order

Prof. Teper called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Prof. Sandretto moved to approve the provided minutes from the September 11, 2014 meeting. Ms. Scanlan seconded and they were approved with no additional changes.

After Action Reports

Armory 100 year anniversary/Army Hall of Fame LTC Stetson reported a successful event. A number of people they had not contacted attended the anniversary. There was lower attendance at the Hall of Fame than the previous year, but still good enthusiasm and appreciation from the alumni. They are making plans for more alumni involvement in the Hall of Fame selection.

Veterans Day CAPT Moore was pleased with the event. In the future, they will work to advertise more aggressively utilizing the other services' cadets to put out fliers and creating better contacts with Veterans groups in the community and campus. He will also send personal invitations to the University Administrators. Attendance was similar to, possibly a little higher than, last year's Sunday ceremony. Next year, the event will take place in the afternoon on Wednesday, November 11th.

Ms. Bateman will work on getting all the Tri-Service Events including those mentioned above on campus Administrators' calendars as standing events at the start of the year.

MILS 120 Prof. Scheeline gave an update on the status of the new course. The course request was submitted in March, in May, the Provost's office requested 2nd level review, and on October 3rd the Senate Education Policy Committee reviewed the course as the 2nd level. They had a number of suggestions and a few concerns about the availability of course materials and staffing. Prof. Scheeline and Lt Col Grupe worked on the issues the Committee brought up. They are currently waiting on some copies from the Navy and some course material from the Army.

The course will be reviewed on December 1st and if approved will be taught in Spring 2015. It won't make it through the general education approval process in time for it to have general education credit the first semester. Prof. Anastasio was optimistic on the General Education Council approval. The only potential problem he saw was if the Committee saw the course as a recruiting tool.

Advertising for the course will be ready to go out as soon as it is approved on December 1st. Possible avenues for advertisement include the *Daily Illini*, flyers in academic buildings, academic advisors, and social media.

The course will rotate department each year to eliminate the additional work required when a course is listed as three sections. All three departments will be listed in the PR along with the section number. It was suggested that the instructors teach out of uniform.

Provost Meeting Prof. Teper reported on a meeting he had with the Vice Provost regarding opportunities for reaching out to the Foundation to tap into alumni who are ROTC affiliates. Some alumni may have a greater connection with ROTC than with the department of their degree. Additional funds could be used to advocate on behalf of the University to DoD, invest in providing facilities improvements, and provide additional educational opportunities. A million dollar endowment could essentially double the departments' operating budget.

He is planning to meet with Lori Williamson at the Foundation in early January. He would like to provide a list of other institutions with comparable ROTC programs to look at as fundraising examples. Right now, he is thinking of proposing that they start with the post-63 ROTC students as they opted-in to Military Education and because it would limit the risk of 'taking' donations from other departments.

LTC Stetson stated that he would like to start a fundraising campaign for the \$25,000 necessary to restore and light the flagpole on the south roof of the Armory. He will be working with Lynne Chaney in the Alumni Center and will keep Prof. Teper notified as this progresses.

Upcoming Event

December Commissioning will take place on December 20th at 4:00 p.m. in Armory room 101. The three Commanding Officers will speak in lieu of a guest speaker. Four or five will commission with one Navy, two Air Force, and one or two Army.

WWI Memorial LTC Stetson reported that there is a WWI memorial that was removed from the Lincoln Hall grounds during the renovation that needs a new location. He would like to pursue having it placed on the grounds near the Armory building. There were no objections to this.

Briefing

LTC Stetson gave a briefing about the Army ROTC program.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.