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Military Education Council Meeting
November 28, 2017, 11:00 am
Navy Conference Room, Armory Room 237B

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

Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m. Prof. Rudasill motioned, LTC Smith seconded, to approve the provided minutes from the September 19, 2017 meeting. They were approved with no objections.

Veterans Day

CAPT Corapi reported that he had received positive feedback on the November 9th Veterans Day Ceremony. The central location in the Union and local advertisement made for a good turnout of campus veterans- both students and employees. Plans are for a similar, luncheon style, event next year with improvements on the Tri-Service focus and possibly adding a formation.

Upcoming Events

The Fall Commissioning Ceremony will take place on December 22nd at 8:00 am in Armory room 101. Plans are for six students to commission. Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Bill Bernhard will attend representing the campus.

Honors Day is scheduled for April 7th at 10:00 am in Foellinger Auditorium. Prof. Teper explained that at this Tri-Service event, cadets and midshipmen are recognized as recipients of a number of scholarships and awards. Representatives from various community organizations attend and make the presentations.

One award presented is the Viola Koenigsberg Outstanding Female award, which goes to the top female cadet/midshipmen across the three services. The MEC is responsible for selecting the recipient from the three nominations submitted by the COs. Prof. Teper requested volunteers to serve with him on the selection committee, with nominee interviews taking place in late February. Prof. Rudasill and Prof. Brennan agreed to serve on this board.

Spring Commissioning will be on May 14th in Foellinger Auditorium. Plans are for approximately 46 students to commission, with 17 from Army, 14 from Air Force, and 15 from Navy/Marines.

Subcommittees

The committees and their responsibilities memorandum was last updated in 1994. The document was provided to discuss if updates were necessary. Currently, the only committee regularly utilized is the Faculty Review Committee. The Committee on Course and Program Approval was last necessary approximately six years ago when the MILS120 course was created. As the ROTC curriculum is developed by DoD to be uniform throughout all schools, there is little that the committee could do regarding this coursework. Its work is more necessary for oversight of courses beyond the standard ROTC curriculum. LTC Smith brought up a military history course taught by Army ROTC that is an option to meet an Army ROTC military history requirement. There may be potential to have this course listed for general education credit, which is something the Course and Program Approval Committee could assist with.

It was agreed that it is not necessary to fill all the committees and utilize them, but it would be best to keep the memorandum as is for historical knowledge and future needs. Also suggested was the creation of a shared box file for council members to access the all Military Education Council documents.

Maj Heidbreder had an issue regarding the scheduling of the Air Force 300 and 400 level courses as TBD instead of set times. This was resolved within the department following the meeting.

Leadership Minor

Prof. Teper has a meeting scheduled for December 1st with Lisa Burgoon regarding the addition of ROTC courses in the Minor in Leadership Studies from the college of ACES. The intent is for two courses from each of the ROTC departments to be included in the list of options for this minor. Following ACES approval, a proposal will be sent to the Education Policy Committee to approve the addition of the courses.

At this point ACES has approved two Air Force courses, one Army course, and one Navy course. They will be reviewing two other possible Army courses. Navy has a second course, NS203, that has approval, but does not meet the minor requirement of being a 300 level course. Navy would like to renumber this course from 203 to 303 so it can be used for the minor. Prof. Teper asked if there were any objections to the course number change, and there were none.

Budget Report

The budget report for the Armed Forces departments is due January 19th. The unit is to plan for a 1.5% reduction. The evaluation from last year's report suggested utilizing gift balances for operational expenses and requested metrics in future reports. Currently, the unit is putting together various metrics on enrollment, diversity, GPA, and scholarships to include in this year's report. It will also include details on the restrictions of the gift funds in the unit and information on the large amount of the budget that goes back to other University units. Prof. Brennan

suggested including a note that the cost of University services is not being reduced. Prof. Teper stated that the draft of the report should be complete prior to the holiday break and it will be distributed for review to the council.

Army Briefing

LTC Smith gave a briefing on the Army ROTC program.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm.