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Military Education Council Meeting  
November 28, 2018 1:00 pm  
Navy Conference Room, 237B Armory Bldg

Present: Thomas Teper - Chair, Jenny Bateman -MEC Secretary, Eric Ashworth, CAPT Anthony Corapi, Tom Costello, MIDN Paul deLutio, Lt. Col. Chris Johnson, Athol Kemball, Angela Lyons, CDR Jeff Martin, and LTC Randall Smith  
Absent: Scott Althaus, James Brennan, Joe Brown, Ezequiel Barraza, Chris Castle, and Candace Martinez

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm. Introductions were made

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Lt. Col. Johnson motioned, CAPT Corapi seconded, to approve the provided minutes from the October 3, 2018 meeting. They were approved with no objections.

#### **After Action- Veterans Day**

CAPT Corapi reported on a successful Veterans Day event. This was the second year of hosting a luncheon in the Union for Veterans Day and is the model they plan to use going forward. Guest speaker, GySgt Peter Milinkovic, currently a U of I police officer, served in the U.S. Marine Corps for five years and completed multiple tours in Iraq. The event was planned and coordinated by Naval ROTC Midshipmen. A lesson learned was to improve promotion to campus employees, especially at F&S where we know there are a good number of veterans, but also where they may not open a lot of email. They will explore putting out a sign advertising the event near the physical plant next year.

#### **Upcoming Events**

**Fall Commissioning** is scheduled for December 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 am in Armory room 101. It will be the same format as in years past, with refreshments in the SE foyer following the ceremony. Five students are to commission: two Army, two Air Force, and one Navy. Vice Provost Bernhard will be representing campus leadership at the event.

The two spring events, will be held in Foellinger Auditorium. **Honors Day** on April 6, 2019 and **Spring Commissioning** on May 13, 2019.

## **Early Registration**

Prof. Teper reported that he and Ms. Bateman had attended a meeting at Swanlund earlier in the week to provide more detail and answer the reviewing group's questions about ROTC. Initially, they had questions about contracted cadets/midshipmen and were exploring if they should be included based on the public act requiring priority registration for service members and veterans. They also needed a better understanding of the numbers of students involved and the extra commitments they have beyond the ROTC class time. The group seemed agreeable to getting priority registration in place for students enrolled in ROTC and he is hopeful that something will be in place by March that will allow returning students priority registration for Fall 2019.

They are exploring adding an ROTC attribute to the student record, which would allow those marked students to receive priority registration. The unit would be responsible for keeping the attributes up to date. Addition of attributes would also have some unintended benefits, like the ability to better track our students for advancement purposes after graduation.

## **MILS 120**

Mr. Ashworth gave an update on the general education course, MILS 120, that the unit is offering for the first time this semester. They have been pleasantly surprised with the enrollment- the majority of 31 students enrolled in the course are non-ROTC, and the course filled quickly. The class, headed by Mr. Ashworth and Lt. Col Johnson, meets in the Armory on Tues-Thurs and is a joint effort with instructors from all three services. Textbooks for the course were provided for free by the Army.

Topics covered are:

- 15 classes of military history,
- 5 classes of military tradition, organization, and customs,
- 2 classes of student briefings (book review),
- 3 practical exercises,
- 1 class on the relationship of the military and UIUC,
- 1 class on current issues facing the military
- 1 mid term, 1 final and 1 4-5 page paper on a military topic of their choice.

He recommended changing the course to M-W-F to allow the large amount of information to be broken up. And, to consider adding a second section, as there was strong interest in the course. Currently, it is planned to be offered again in Fall 2019, as the spring semester is typically busier for the ROTC cadre. It was suggested to offer the course each semester instead of adding more sections. This would also allow better continuity as staff rotate out.

There was a question on who receives the revenue from this course, and Prof. Teper is going to look into it. While the active duty instructors cannot be paid for teaching, the income could go to the unit and be used to improve the ROTC programs.

## **Briefing**

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

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.