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Military Education Council

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Military Education Council Meeting
April 15, 2013 3:00 pm
Naval Science Conference Room, 237 Armory Bldg.

Present: Alexander Scheeline, Chair, Amy Carr, Secretary stand-in, LTC Phil Bauer, Marni Boppart, CAPT J.D. Haugen, Sean Musil, Michael Sandretto, and LTC Eric Stetson
Absent: Jennifer Bateman, Sean Brokaw, Jack Dempsey, Arne Pearlstein, Janeen Johnson, Nick Larson, and John Randolph

Call to Order

Prof. Scheeline called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm. The minutes from the February 7, 2013 meeting were approved without change by voice vote.

Recognition of LTC Phil Bauer

LTC Bauer was recognized and awarded with a plaque for his service to the University of Illinois. This was the last MEC meeting that LTC Bauer will attend as his relief is scheduled to arrive in Urbana on July 15, 2013. There will be approximately a one week overlap period during which LTC Bauer will work together with the incoming Commanding Officer, LTC Shane Sullivan, to acclimate him to the position.

Recognition End-of-Term for Council members:

Marni Boppart, Nick Larson, Sean Musil, and Arne Pearlstein are at the end of term for their terms on the MEC. Prof. Boppart, who also serves on the Senate Committee on Committees, reports she and Pearlstein have volunteered for an additional term.

After Action Reports:

Baby Bateman: Steel Garrett was born unto Jennifer Bateman and her husband on March 2nd at 4 lbs., 15 oz. and 18 in. long. Mother and baby are doing well. Jennifer plans to return to her office June 1st. The council requests photographic demonstration to be available at the next meeting, and at least the Department of Military Science requests earlier, in person introduction.

Award's Day: LTC Stetson reports that other than "a couple minor hang-ups" the Award's Day Ceremony went well. A nice addition to this year's ceremony was the presentation of certificates of gratitude to the award granting organizations.

Upcoming Events: Spring Commissioning

Spring Commissioning will take place on May 13th in Foellinger Auditorium. Thirty six cadets and midshipmen will commission. Army has arranged for the guest speaker to be Assistant Secretary of the Army, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Thomas R. Lamont. He is a graduate alumnus and has chaired University of Illinois Board of Trustees, as well as serving on the Illinois Board of Higher Education. He will meet with President Easter preceding commissioning. The University President and Chancellor are scheduled to attend the commissioning ceremony.

Homecoming, October 25, 2013. Army ROTC is starting an Alumni Hall of Fame. Three former cadets will be the initial inductees. More details will be announced in the fall.

Status Report: State Waiver Audit

MEC Chair appreciates Committee assistance on this issue. A recommendation was formulated and has been submitted to the presidents of all Illinois universities and colleges with ROTC presence for their review. The biggest change from the current campus approach to State waivers is the recommendation to review all cadets with waivers as well as new waivers each semester.

Status Report: Military Minor

After much discussion and research, there is some likelihood of progress towards a military minor by partnering with the program in Arms Control, Disarmament and International Security (ACDIS). The lack of interest by academic departments has limited the options for sponsoring a minor, so becoming part of the Certificate in Global Studies program would at least be a start. MEC chair requests ROTC Commanding Officers review their course offerings to determine which course(s) might best fit the certificate program currently offered by ACDIS. Discussion both within MEC and with ACDIS can resume in the fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 pm.