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Military Education Council

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Military Education Council Meeting
September 1, 2015 11:00 am
Navy Conference Room 237B Armory Building

Present: Thomas Teper, Chair, Jennifer Bateman, Secretary, Scott Althaus, Thomas Anastasio, Joe Brown, LTC Christopher Leung, David Miller, CAPT Charles Moore, Timothy Stelzer, Lt Col Shane Sullivan, and MIDN 1/c Scott Van Hoy,
Absent: Marni Boppart and Michael Sandretto

Call to Order

Prof. Teper called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Introductions were made. Prof. Stelzer moved to approve the provided minutes from the April 28, 2015 meeting. Lt Col Sullivan seconded and they were approved with no changes.

Subcommittees

Prof Teper asked for volunteers to fill the vacant positions on the three Military Education Council Subcommittees. The Faculty Review Committee which is responsible for reviewing and approving nominations of the department instructors had a vacancy that Scott Althaus agreed to fill. Tom Anastasio and Marni Boppart (chair) will continue on the committee.

The Committee on Course and Program Approval and Program Evaluation Committee will continue to be chaired by Mike Sandretto with the three military department heads, LTC Leung, CAPT Moore, and Lt Col Sullivan, the student member, Scott Van Hoy, and David Miller filling the vacant faculty position.

The interdepartmental Coordination Committee is a committee of the whole

Report of FY15 Expenditures

The report of the expenditures was provided. It listed the expenses for the Military Education Council and the purchases made for the three services with funds left. There were no questions or concerns. Prof. Teper explained that the current plan for the FY16 budget is to keep the three services' operational budgets the same, and make any necessary cuts from the Military Education Council allocation.

After Action Report

Lt Col Sullivan reported on a successful Spring Commissioning Ceremony. President Easter was the guest speaker, and this was his last official function on campus. They implemented an

additional practice to prepare and the 1st salute portion was removed from the formal ceremony and moved to be done service specific afterwards in the interest of time. Tentatively, the guest speaker for this year's Spring Commissioning will be Mr. Daniel Sitterly the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

There was some discussion on which of the tri-service events were the most important to attend. The Spring Commissioning Ceremony is considered to be the most important in regards to the program, followed by Honors Day.

Upcoming Events

9/11 Memorial Run. CAPT Moore reported that the run will take place at 4:30 on September 10th which coincides with the usual drill time for cadets and midshipmen. They will be joined by the police training institute for the run. The run will start on the west end of the Armory building and end on the quad in front of the Union with some words from the COs, the event should approximately 30 minutes total.

Last year they made the switch to holding the event in the afternoon on September 10th from the early morning hours of September 11th as was done in previous years. This definitely increased the visibility of the event with the campus local media.

Chez Family Foundation Center for Wounded Veterans in Higher Education Dedication Ceremony. Lt Col Sullivan explained that the services were involved in the groundbreaking of the center two years ago and have been asked to assist at the ground breaking which will take place on October 2nd from 3-5pm. The tri-services will be providing an honor guard along with cadets and midshipmen to serve as ushers, and parking support. The event is taking place on Foundation Weekend and they are expecting 400-600 attendees. Currently the center is complete and they have two occupants this semester.

Information Security

Prof. Teper explained that over the summer there was an incident in one of the departments where a student's personal information was mistakenly sent to a few other students. Mrs. Bateman worked with individuals from Technology Services and University Counsel to rectify the situation. Campus procedures were followed to notify the student that their information was released and to contact those who received it to assure the information was properly deleted.

Mrs. Bateman and the department secretarial staff have continued to work with a representative from Technology Services to go over our procedures for using and storing sensitive information. Adjustments have been made to assure this doesn't happen again and Technology Services may have further recommendations for future changes to our processes.

MILS 120

This course was approved last year as a general education course and was planned to be offered for the first time this coming spring. The three COs explained that they have some concerns

about offering the course as they all are short on staff. The Air Force is also expecting all of their instructional staff to rotate out by the fall without guarantee that those positions will be filled. Prof. Anastasio encouraged the COs to offer the course by putting forward a skeleton of good quality material that can be built upon over time. In addition, the possibility of hiring someone to assist with the course was suggested. There are good possibilities with graduate veteran students on campus as well as a former Professor of Naval Science who is the area. Last year, there was some concerns expressed by the council members that the instructional personnel for this course be limited to the COs or Assistant Professors with similar qualifications and experience.

The three COs plan to go over the plan for the course and make a recommendation on offering the course by the next MEC meeting. Tom Anastasio offered his services to consult with the COs on gen ed instruction.

Public Safety

Prof. Teper mentioned that he had been in contact with the public safety department about providing training along the lines of their “3 Minutes to Live” program to cadre and possibly students.

In addition, CAPT Moore stated that they have started an Anti-Terrorism working group for the cadets and midshipmen. It is as educational opportunity for the students as well as a way to tease out campus issues they may have witnessed.

Briefing

The briefing on from the Air Force was rescheduled for the next meeting, on October 30th.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 am.