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Military Education Council Meeting  
September 11, 2014, 11:00 a.m.  
Air Force Classroom, 325 Armory Bldg.

Present: Thomas Teper, Chair, Jennifer Bateman, Secretary, Tom Anastasio, Joe Brown, David Miller, CAPT Charles Moore, Michael Sandretto, LTC Eric Stetson, Lt Col Shane Sullivan, and Katie Villagomez-Guzman

Absent: Marni Boppart, Arne Pearlstein, Madison Scanlan, and Tonya Swink,

### **Call to Order**

Prof. Teper called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Introductions were made. Minutes from the April 18, 2014 meeting were approved after the minor change of a college name.

### **Subcommittees**

Prof. Teper went over the subcommittee assignments for the year. The Faculty Review Committee of Marni Boppart, Tom Anastasio, and Arne Pearlstein have already had its first nomination. The Committee on Course and Program Approval and the Program Evaluation Committee will continue to be combined and will consist of the three COs, the three student MEC members, and Michael Sandretto. There is an additional faculty position on this subcommittee that is vacant. The Interdepartmental Coordination Committee will continue as a committee of the whole.

Prof. Teper stated that the Army ROTC icon (which contains an Indian head) may be an issue to approach this year. LTC Stetson said they were already working with the Army on replacing the icon and aside from the bureaucracy involved, didn't expect there to be much push back.

### **General Education Course**

MILS120 has been added to the agenda for the Educational Policy Committee meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>. If that committee is unable to get to the course, it will be discussed at their October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Prof. Scheeline will continue working to see this course through. He and Lt Col Grupe, the ROTC lead on the course, will attend the meeting.

Following approval at the Educational Policy Committee, the course would move to the General Education Council for approval. Prof. Anastasio is on the General Education Council and feels that the proposal is well written and will meet the general education requirements.

## **Report on FY14 Expenditures**

The report of expenditures was provided. Ms. Bateman explained where the “MEC Money” purchases for the three services were detailed and that the Navy had to hold off on the majority of its spending until this year because of construction taking place in their area of the building.

## **After Action Reports**

Spring Commissioning Lt Col Sullivan reported that the ceremony was successful, with 39 cadets and midshipmen commissioned. COL Hopkins was the guest speaker. Going forward they plan to focus on preparation and leadership to make the event go more smoothly.

Summer Commissioning LTC Stetson reported that two Army and two Air Force cadets were commissioned. The guest speaker was COL Royal Mortenson, USM (Ret.) who is the director of the Fire Service Institute.

Orientating New Cadets For the Army orientation program, LTC Stetson reported that approximately 2/3 of the freshman participated. COL McBride spoke at their ending program, CAPT Moore reported that the Navy had 15 participants in their five-day orientation program, which that covers physical training, orientation, and a graduation program. Lt Col Sullivan reported on the Air Force’s smaller orientation, which consisted of an orientation day with the parents and then a ¾ day to cover military customs and courtesies.

## **Upcoming Events**

Armory 100 Year Anniversary LTC Stetson reported that a luncheon is being planned for October 24<sup>th</sup>. A flyer is being prepared to advertise the event, and contact has been established with the other programs in the building regarding their involvement. DIA is providing the Armory track and chairs for the event and is working with the University bands to provide music.

The Army has also been working on putting together plans for a tri-service t-shirt that would be available for sale. Once the proposal is complete, it will be handed over to the MEC staff to handle purchasing and sales.

Veterans Day CAPT Moore said that plans are underway to change from the guest speaker centered type of event that has been held in the past and move toward more of a pass-and-review ceremony. At this time, options to have the event outdoors on November 11<sup>th</sup> and to still include a guest speaker are being considered. Possible guest speakers include Vice Admiral Harms, an alumnus of the detachment, or CAPT Rick Ruble, USN, (Ret.) from the Naval War College.

## **Old Business**

Last year the Air Force started to pursue a cross-town agreement with the Lakeview College of Nursing. This is primarily to give AFROTC cadets another nursing school option so that they may be more willing to declare nursing with the Air Force. Currently, many cadets are unwilling to do so because if they are then unable to get into the U of I nursing school there are major implications on the Air Force side. Lt Col Sullivan reported that the agreement was sent to

University Legal Counsel last year and has remained stuck there. He plans to follow up and will request that the MEC get involved if necessary to push the process ahead.

**Briefing**

Lt Col Sullivan gave a briefing about the Air Force ROTC program.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.