

Special Committee on Military Affairs
Thursday, April 9, 2015
Minutes (Draft)

The Special Committee on Military Affairs met Thursday, April 9, 2015 in the Mendenhall Student Center of East Carolina University in Greenville, NC.

Committee members present include Chairman Trask, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Lampe, Mr. Harrelson, Dr. Perry, Mr. Taylor and Ms. Maxwell. Vice President Rhinehardt and Vice President Dixon attended as staff. Guests included Board of Governors member David Powers attended as well.

The March 2015 meeting minutes were approved.

Chairman Trask addressed the Committee and shared his recollection of the genesis of the Special Committee on Military Affairs at the University of North Carolina.

Chairman Trask introduced Rob Bruce, Director of the Friday Center at UNC-Chapel Hill, to give a brief presentation on UNC Core, an online UNC program designed to provide flexible courses for active-duty military students. His presentation included current demographics of military areas to provide an overview of various types of students who will utilize UNC Core. UNC Core will provide a plan of degree completion for these currently serving individuals. The Friday Center hopes to expand the consortium by extending the program to other non-participating UNC campuses; accelerate course creation; research flexible models of funding and course creation; and invest in outreach and marketing.

Additionally, user-friendly updates were recently made to improve the UNC Core website. Rob Bruce stated, "It's a website in progress with rotating pictures and now an option to map out plans for taking classes. There is a portal for courses where there will be course descriptions, syllabi, and options to enroll in classes soon. Also, there will be a way to track degree completion. We want to have a testimony portion of website in the future." The tuition assistance section of the UNC Core website is in the design process, but the website staff plans to make the site live on Memorial Day.

Chairman Trask then gave credit to Chancellor Folt at UNC Chapel-Hill for her support of the project. Kimrey commented that credit transfer and articulation information needs to be easily understood in advance of enrollment for active duty service members. Updated policies for military transfer students are now in effect for enhanced veteran treatment in the admissions process. Kimrey shared that the UNC General Administration and the campus partnerships are vital to ensure good advising for prospective students.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Raiford Trask III, Chair

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