

## 6. Military Student Success Policy 700.7.1 .....Karrie Dixon

**Situation:** Technical corrections need to be made to Policy 700.7.1 to reflect changes made to the policy and regulations on Minimum Requirements for Undergraduate Admissions 700.1.1 and 700.1.1.1[R].

**Background:** BoG passed the military policy in June of 2013, which caused us to conduct a thorough review of current admissions policies for purposes of alignment. Results of the review determined that changes needed to be made to the Military policy to ensure full alignment with all undergraduate admissions policies and regulations: Minimum Admissions Requirements 700.1.1; Minimum Admissions Requirements Regulations 700.1.1.1 [R]; and Transfer Student Admissions 700.1.1.2.

Proposed changes include:

- Changed years of service from two to three for active duty, included veterans to be considered as transfer students for admissions purposes, and removed reference to Special Consideration 3 of Policy 700.1.11(R).
- “Active duty personnel in the United States Armed Forces, and their spouses, dependent children and dependent relatives and members of the North Carolina National Guard” was replaced with “military affiliated students” in Section III, Residency Status of Military Affiliated Students to insure it is in compliance with PL 113-146 Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act 2014 (Section 702).
- Section IV, Applicants Who May Require Special Consideration or Exceptions to Policies of revised regulation 700.1.1.2(R) resets the age for waiver of MAR and MCR from 24 years old to 21 years old. Military applicants with three or more years of service will be 21 years old or older and eligible for this waiver thus eliminating the need for a special consideration policy for this population. Special Consideration 3 was removed from the revised version of regulation 700.1.1.2(R).

**Assessment:** With the Board’s approval, these changes will align Military Student Success 700.7.1 with the policy and regulations on Minimum Requirements for First-Time Undergraduate Admissions, 700.1.1. and Transfer Student Admissions 700.1.1.2 [R]

**Action:** This item is for a vote.

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### **I. Admission of Active Duty Service Members and Veterans**

A. The University of North Carolina and its constituent institutions are committed to equality of opportunity. The University administers nondiscriminatory admissions policies by fairly evaluating the records of applicants.

B. For purposes of undergraduate admission to any constituent institution of the University of North Carolina, any individual having completed a minimum of three years of cumulative active duty service in the United States Armed Forces who otherwise meet the criteria for a transfer student will be considered a transfer student in the admissions process pursuant to 700.1.1.2[R], with the branch of service functioning as the institution of transfer. If discharged from active duty, the veteran must have received an Administrative Discharge. This policy shall not apply to veterans receiving a "Bad Conduct or Dishonorable Discharge."

C. Under conditions set forth by the president in regulations associated with this policy, applicants in this profile may be offered special consideration with regard to the minimum admissions and minimum course requirements for transfer students.

D. Nothing in this policy guarantees admission for students who do not meet institutional academic standards for admission. Constituent institutions retain sole authority for admissions determinations.

### **II. Military-Affiliated Student Data**

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### **III. Residency Status of Military-Affiliated Students**

North Carolina created and maintains its public institutions of higher education primarily for the benefit of the residents of North Carolina, and its institutions are generously supported by the General Assembly and the public. Military-affiliated students may be eligible for in-state tuition under the conditions established by General Statutes of the state of North Carolina and enacted by regulations in the *North Carolina State Residence Classification Manual* and in association with this policy.

### **IV. Campus Support Structures for Military-Affiliated Students**

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