

Special Committee on Military Affairs

Thursday, January 15, 2015, Minutes

The Special Committee on Military Affairs met Thursday, January 15, 2015 in the Executive Conference Room of the Spangler Center in Chapel Hill at 12:00 PM.

Committee members present include Chairman Trask, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Lampe, Mr. Harrelson Dr. Perry, Mr. Taylor and Ms. Maxwell. Vice President Rhinehardt, Vice President Dixon, Assistant Vice President Dickens and Director of Military Education Ann Marie Beall all attended as staff.

The December minutes were approved.

Chairman Trask recognized Vice President Rhinehardt to give a brief update on in-state tuition for veterans. Rhinehardt shared that Vice President Moretz is working closely with staff at the North Carolina General Assembly to draft legislation that will enable North Carolina to comply with the federal requirements.

Chairman Trask recognized the efforts of Chancellor Martin at North Carolina A&T and Dr. Terri Shelton at UNCG in establishing veterans centers on their respective campuses.

Ann Marie Beall provided an overview of information from a report entitled "Military Affiliated Student Data." The report featured data from across the UNC system for academic years 2012-2013. This data showed that student veterans were performing either at, or significantly higher than the average performance of their non-veteran peers. In particular, mean grade point averages for student veterans were found to be significantly higher than the GPA's of non-veteran students. Additionally, Ms. Beall indicated that many campuses are currently pursuing the establishment of veterans centers. A brief discussion followed.

Mr. Holmes then sponsored a resolution, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to urge every UNC institution to establish a veterans center on their campus. The resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Katherine Stewart, Vice President of Academic Planning and Quality then gave a brief presentation on Senate Bill 761. She indicated that the bill will ensure academic credit is awarded for appropriate military training and result in a much shorter time to degree for student veterans. She said that the workgroup for academic credit will meet soon to decide on how the courses should be evaluated, with a final report in mid-Spring.

Vice President Dixon provided an overview of the changes to the Military Student Success Policy. The final policy change was presented in January, with a vote by the Board of Governors at their February meeting.

The Committee discussed the progress of UNC Core as well as adding the General Administration Development Team to the UNC Joining Efforts marketing effort.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Raiford Trask III, Chair

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