

Special Committee on Military Affairs

Thursday, May 21, 2015 3 p.m.

Minutes

The Special Committee on Military Affairs met Thursday, May 21, 2015 in the C.D. Spangler Building of UNC-GA in Chapel Hill, NC. Committee members present included Chairman Trask, Vice Chair Taylor, Secretary Maxwell, and Dr. Perry. Other Board members in attendance included Chairman Fennebresque, Mr. Powers, Mr. Rippy, Mr. Hath, Ms. Gage, and Ms. MacNeill. Vice President Dixon, Vice President Rhinehardt, Assistant Vice President Dickens, and Director of Military Education Beall attended as staff.

The April 2015 minutes were approved.

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. In his presentation, Dr. Bruce discussed publicity surrounding the launch of the program and the types of courses both available and attractive to service members. Since the launch, there has been an increase in the number of UNC institutions interested in getting involved. UNC Core will provide an opportunity for veterans and active duty service members to complete the general education requirements needed to enroll in degree completion programs.

Vice President Rhinehardt announced the accreditation of UNC Chapel Hill's P.A. program. Several members noted the growing need for physician assistants, and the unique positions of veterans to transition into those roles. There was discussion about the growing number of programs at private institutions and the need for public institutions to offer more P.A. programs for students.

Chairman Trask announced that the bill asking for in-state tuition for military service members in North Carolina has made it through the North Carolina Senate.

Chairman Trask read a statement urging the committee to recommend the new UNC System President be supportive of military issues within the state.

Chairman Fennebresque gave a brief statement thanking the outgoing board members and pledging support of continuing the work of the special committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 PM.