

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS

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6. UNC system Student Veterans Council.....Kimrey Rhinehardt

Situation: Student veterans seek opportunities to engage fellow student veterans at other UNC institutions. UNC system staff is convening a face-to-face meeting of these students March 18-19, 2016. Topics to be discussed:

- Perception of campus lack of understanding of military life, culture, experiences
- Being a strong self-advocate in transition process
- Finding a place to "belong" on campus and in higher education
- Adjusting to less structured environment on campuses
- Financial issues (housing, employment, childcare, etc.)
- Communicating with staff, faculty and fellow students
- Relating to fellow students
- Transitioning from college to career
- Support services and resources

Background: Consistent with the "UNC SERVES 2011 Report to the President," the University's Strategic Directions, and the University's Policy on Military Student Success, UNC system staff work collaboratively to improve support for military affiliated students.

Assessment: Research proves that peer support is one of the most important forms of campus-based student support.

Action: This item is for information only.