

ROTC SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 2, 2015

[In these minutes: Army Brief, Air Force Brief, Navy Brief]

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PRESENT: Joan Howland, (chair), Justin Krueger, Robert McMaster, Charles Musselman, Perry Leo, Paul Ruden

REGRETS: Thomas Brothen, Leonard Polakiewicz

OTHERS: Stephen Cole, Maggie Marchesani

1. ARMY BRIEF

Professor Howland called the meeting to order, welcomed those present and called for introductions. She then acknowledged Jeannine Rich from the University Senate and thanked her for her exemplary support over the past year. Everyone present voiced their appreciation for Jeannine's service and wished her well in her move to North Carolina.

Cpt. Stephen Cole provided the committee with an Army ROTC update and highlighted the following points using a PowerPoint presentation:

- Placing an emphasis on recruiting STEM and Nursing majors
- Spring 2015 Capstone Training Events
- Spring 2015 Field Training
- Leader and Adventure Training
- Summer Training
- Discussion Points
 - Armory Facility Improvements
 - 100-Year AROTC Anniversary
- Questions and Comments
 - What are the percentages of males and females?
 - Of the 119 cadets there are approximately 10 females, and the rest are male.
 - VP McMaster suggested they have an event to celebrate the anniversary.
 - Cadets do not have required summer duties; many are taking classes or going back to their home states.

2. NAVY BRIEF

CDR Jason Krueger provided the committee with a Naval ROTC (NROTC) update and highlighted the following points using a PowerPoint presentation:

- There will be a reduction in the number of four-year scholarships to 712, but they will continue to offer two and three-year scholarships. Recruiting is difficult because there is not a large Navy contingent in Minnesota.
- NROTC Battalion
- New Student Orientation (NSO)
 - Required support of multiple UMN departments, especially housing
 - Likely to continue on UMN campus for the future
 - Integrating more UMN orientation week activities
- Spring 2015 Special Events
- Extracurricular Activities and Community Service
- Campaign Plan
 - The program focuses on helping students plan and control their own futures.
- Future NROTC Special Events
 - Hoping to ensure students are available to attend U of M Welcome Week events in the future.

3. AIR FORCE BRIEF

Lt Col Musselman provided the committee with an Air Force ROTC update and highlighted the following points using a PowerPoint presentation:

- Org Chart
- Detachment (Det) Cadre
- Big Issues
 - Cadre turnover – difficult semester behind us
 - Disenrollment / Medical DQ of three senior cadets
 - Mental illness is handled on a case-by-case basis.
 - Accession numbers have gone down
 - The Air Force overall is reducing in size.
 - Field training and scholarship awards have increased
- How We Operate
- University Facilities
- Det 415 Historic Enrollment and Commissioned Totals
- Academic Year 2014-2015
 - Finished with 57 Cadets in the program
 - An increased focus on raising cumulative GPA
- Initiatives/Goals
 - Position cadets and graduates for success
 - Improve operating facilities
 - Increase diversity

- Grow alumni outreach

4. DISCUSSION

The discussion was then opened for general questions and comments. VP McMaster asked the following questions:

- Could he have a list of Military Science courses?
- What is the frequency of when they are offered?
- How many students that are not in ROTC take these classes?
- Can these courses be counted for credits in other colleges?

The issue of using the Field House access has been resolved since the fall.

Professor Howland will be meeting with stakeholders to discuss renovations that are needed for the Armory. VP McMaster said that if there are other purposes that can be added to the building, it could be possible to attain funding for the renovation. CDR Krueger agreed that if the facility were improved, there would be more opportunity for multi purpose spaces. Members discussed different ways that this issue could gain visibility:

- An article being featured in the Daily about the Armory.
- Partnering with the Student Senate on writing a resolution to advocate for Armory renovations.

Hearing no other business, Professor Howland thanked those present for attending and adjourned the meeting.

Jeannine Rich
University Senate