

Agenda

Military Education Council
September 15, 2023 11:00 AM
Army Conference Room (Armory 111)

Present: James Brennan, Jenny Bateman, Kent Choquette, Jonathan Ebel, LTC Dan Johnson, Athol Kemball, Lt Col Jason Scalzitti, CDR John Thompson, Cadet Nina Shearrill, Elle Wroblewski
Absent: Paul Atamewan, Capt Dave Casteel, Jeffrey Eric Jenkins, Angela Lyons, Jason Sakowski

- I. Introductions. Meeting was called to order at 11:04 am. Introductions were made.
- II. The Minutes from the 04/03/23 meeting were reviewed. Prof. Choquette moved and Lt Col Scalzitti seconded to approve the minutes with no changes.
- III. Prof. Brennan requested three faculty member volunteers to serve on the Faculty Review Subcommittee. The subcommittee's responsibility is to review and approve all the faculty appointments for the ROTC units. There was some discussion about the duties and approval process. Professors Ebel, Choquette, and Wroblewski volunteered to serve on the subcommittee for the 23-24 academic year.
- IV. Events
 - A. CDR Thompson reported on the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb event that took place the morning of September 11th in Memorial Stadium. Cadets and Midshipmen from all the services along with several other groups- a local FBI unit, fire departments, and fraternities- climbed 110 flights of stairs honoring those climbed by first responders in the World Trade Center. They were able to utilize the scoreboard to display an image during the event. Unfortunately, no media showed up to cover the event.
 - B. Lt Col Reported that the in honor of POW/MIA recognition day, today, September 15th, the cadets and midshipmen are doing a 24 hour patrol of the POW/MIA flag on the west side of the Armory building. This vigil has previously been held outside the Illini union, but was moved to the Armory grounds this year. This is location adds a more solemn feel to the patrol while still having plenty of student visibility.
- V. Prof. Brennan mentioned the ROTC instructors listed on the Spring 2023 Teachers Ranked as Excellent list. They are, from Army ROTC: CAPT Patrick Richardson (marked outstanding), and Mr. Mike Stevens; and from Naval ROTC: CAPT Dave Casteel.
- VI. LTC Johnson gave a briefing on the Army ROTC program.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm