



Military Education Council Minutes
January 18, 2023, 2:00 PM
Armory Room 337 (Navy Classroom) or zoom:

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Present: (in person) Tom Teper, CAPT Dave Casteel, LTC Dan Johnson, Lt Col Jason Scalzitti, Sharon Jackson, Leonardo Jimenez

(over zoom) Christine Edwards, James Brennan, Lindsay Anderson, Jackie Pranada, Peter Silhan, Angela Lyons, Jason Sakowski

I. Approval of Minutes, 10/21/22 Meeting

CPT Casteel moved and LTC Johnson seconded to approve the minutes from the 21 October 2023 meeting as provided.

II. Room and Board Scholarships

Preparing for budget requests for the coming fiscal year. Recruiting challenges have come to a head and are compounded by the pandemic. What has worked for us so far and in what ways can we pivot our efforts concerning our allocation?

We lack resources to give one to each freshman. Using R&B as an incentive may not align with who needs it. Our schedules for recruiting and scholarships don't sync with University's schedule for admissions and financial aid decisions. Mustn't promise any scholarships or waivers if it is a possibility.

III. Budget Report

a. Biggest Threats:

i. Mental health challenges of students

This is true all over college campuses, compounded by pandemic.

ii. MEC leadership has requested more support from the Foundation for

Advancement programs. Reach out to foundation, invite them to next meeting.

IV. Events

- a. After Action:
 - i. Veterans Day (Navy)
 - ii. December Commissioning Air Force will have two, Navy will have one.
- b. Upcoming:
 - i. Honors Day (April 27th 5:30 pm, Foellinger Auditorium)
 - ii. Spring Commissioning (May 15)

V. Staffing Plans:

- a. Thomas H. Teper, the Military Education's Council's chair will be stepping down in August of 2023, after serving nine years in this role. The Chancellor's office will be required to name a new chair to fill the role for the next three-year term.

Meeting was Adjourned at 3:00 pm.

