

Military Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes 10/8/2019 1:00pm

Welcome

Introductions

In Attendance: Susan Howell, Chelsea Follis, Katelyn Moore, Harley Strickland, Georgia Beasley, Sandra Sharman, Student Rep Jack Palmer, Denise Daniels, James Brady, John Giebfried, Karen Murphree

Activities around EGSC

Statesboro Meet & Greet – Sept 17 – Veterans Day event during week of Nov 11th

Augusta – Military Appreciation – Oct 18 – Veterans Day event in Augusta

Swainsboro – Success Fair – Aug 22, Veterans Day – Nov 11th

Military Friendly Survey – Due Nov 22nd – last years responses to the survey were handed out. Areas asked to review and to be looking for information being requested for completion of current years survey. A dashboard is going to be worked on in hopes of having the data needed faster as the Military Friendly Survey is very time consuming.

James Brady brought up the idea and said he would lead the effort to work with militaryfriendly.com to see if they would review their standards for 2-year institutions. John Giebfried offered the idea of using other 2-year institutions information as well.

Current Committee Purpose and Functions: Clarification was made that the Military Resource Center and Military Friendly Committee are focused on our current Military affiliated students and not on recruiting new military students. Although the lines do cross, as word of mouth is powerful so how we treat our current students impact what they tell their friends and if they will come to EGSC.

http://www.ega.edu/offices/presidents_office/standing_committees/military_friendly_campus_committee

Purpose and Functions:

The purpose of the Military Friendly Campus Committee is to promote and maintain a military friendly atmosphere for all military personnel at EGSC. Its functions are to create and implement targeted strategies for registration, advisement, and academic support of military students, to maintain data on military students, to provide on campus events for military students, to foster relationships with military organizations in support of military students, to maintain the college's military friendly status and to recommend and update policies and procedures as necessary and proper to accomplish its purpose.

Membership:

- Chair, Assistant Director of Military Resource Center
- SCO (VA Certifying Official)
- Registrar
- Director of Admissions
- Business Affairs – Tuition Assistance
- Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
- Military Academic Advisor from each campus
- Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management
- Vice President for Institutional Advancement
- One military veteran student or military dependent student
- Recruiter- Student Affairs

What changes need to be made?

Purpose and Functions: Needs to be re-written and re-worded – break down purpose sentence from functions. Use Military Affiliated Students instead of military personnel. Functions can be bulleted. Denise and Karen will work on and Denise will email to the committee for review.

Membership: Add: Financial Aid Director (Michael Wernon), Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs (Jim Beall) – Jim will update VPAA (Dr. Sharman) with pertinent information, Deans (Dr. Wedincamp & Dr. Cunha). Remove: VPAA (Dr. Sharman)

Discussion around if Recruiter was needed on committee as they are often on the road and it will be difficult for them to attend the meetings on a regular basis. The Director of Admissions is in the meetings and can update Recruiter if needed. At this point the Recruiter will remain on the membership and attend as available.

Possibly adding a member of the VA to the Committee as they may have input on issues or activities that EGSC is involved in – it was recommended to contact the Dublin VA or David Snow with the USG to get a contact name or find out if this is something that can/should be done.

Establish Short-Term and Long-Term Committee Objectives

The committee will focus on short-term goals prior to tackling long-term objectives. All will be done keeping our purpose in mind.

- *Meet twice per semester, more if needed*
- *At least 1 event per semester to be held at each campus*
- *Contact militaryfriendly.com personnel to discuss 2-year institution requirements*
- *Reach out to David Snow (USG) regarding a VA rep in the local area*

Discuss Central Forum (e.g. Website sub-page, Facebook page, etc.) for publication of Military Friendly activities, initiatives, photos, etc.

Discussed having a News items on the Military page of the EGSC website – Katelyn said that would not be an issue – would have to look at page format but that should be able to be done with minimal issues. Discussed possibility of having a Facebook page for Military information – discussion will continue.

Review In-State Tuition Policy for Military Students

<http://www.ega.edu/policy/04-in-state-tuition-policy-for-military-students.pdf>

Georgia Beasley reviewed the document and made appropriate changes based on the new BOR policy. All participants received the new proposed policy and will have any suggestions or changes to Denise by Oct 15. We will then ask Cabinet to review.

Next Meeting Date

Fridays work for the faculty – Nov 15 tentative date