

EGSC Military Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes:

September 19, 2017 @ 3:30pm

Attendance: Stacey Grant, Lynette Saulsberry, Georgia Mathews, Karen Jones, Donald Avery, Denise Daniels, Denise Coleman, Raymond Hayes, Chelsea Follis

The meeting was moved to the Heritage Center and started at 3:30pm. Everyone introduced themselves to those on the conference call and then we discussed everything on the agenda.

A. Campus Representatives (review roles & expectations)

a. We went around the room and each individual discussed their role on the committee.

- i. Karen Jones stated that she really didn't know her role. Stacey Grant stated that as the Assoc. VP for Enrollment Management it would benefit her to know what's going on with our military students and with her knowledge she can assist military students in any enrollment process if someone was unavailable.
- ii. Chelsea Follis stated that she assists students with Tuition Assistance and keeps everyone up to date on any changes.
- iii. Lynette Saulsberry will be handling anything registrar related.
- iv. Stacey Grant said she assists the students with pointing them in the right direction of who they need to see for their needs, she collects and maintain data on military students, create programs for military students and ensure the college maintains a military friendly status.
- v. Denise Daniels is the assistant registrar and stated that she may possibly be the new VA certifier. The position will transfer over from Georgia to either Denise or Lynette.

- vi. Georgia said that Jonathan Bush and Jessica Williamson will be helping with the recruiting side.
- vii. Marquisha Johnson was the student representative, but she was not present.

B. Purpose and functions of committee

a. Are we upholding the purpose & functions?

- i. Dr. Avery and Stacey read the purpose and function of the committee and it was reviewed by the committee to confirm that we were upholding the purpose and function.
- ii. Purpose and Functions:
- iii. The purpose of the Military Friendly Campus Committee is to promote and maintain a military friendly atmosphere for all of the military personnel at EGSC. Its functions are to and 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.
- iv. During the discussion we confirmed that we were upholding the purpose and function.
 - 1. Georgia sends out emails for early registration, orientation for new students.
 - 2. We use Victory Media Survey to obtain military friendly status.

3. Key Indicators are updated monthly to provide military data to the President's Cabin.
4. Résumé workshops and Veteran Days activities have been planned for the military students.

C. Conferences

- a. October 23rd-26th NAVPA Atlantic City, NJ
- b. November 6 & 7 Ft. Benning, GA. SECOME

D. Military Personnel Update (Mathews, Follis)

- a. Follis- None
- b. Mathews- Georgia created a form modeling other institutions to look at ACE suggestions, allowing the Deans to sign off on additional credits outside of P.E. and First Aid. Ray Hayes asked which schools did she model. Georgia said that she reached out to Darton, Kennesaw, and Valdosta. This form has been created but not approved yet.
- c. Mathews- Georgia contacted VA rep for EGSC Augusta students to get housing allowance according to Augusta's zip code.
- d. Lynette asked when will VA shift to the registrar's office and Karen Jones said that she is not sure but they are working on it.
- e. Mathews- Stated concerns of students that are enrolled full-time but benefits are recognized differently because they are taking classes at two different locations making them part-time on each campus (i.e., 6 hours at Statesboro or Swainsboro and 6 hours at Augusta. Students would need to be a minimum of 7 hours on each campus to receive the proper benefits as full-time.).

E. MRC Assistant Position

- a. A part-time position is available.

- b. Raymond Hayes suggested that we look into using a VA worker to fill open positions. We need to identify military students who are eligible.

F. Website Update- Adjustments

- a. Stacey asked everyone to check out their information on the website and report any updated needed.

G. Military Programs- Veterans Day

- a. Karen Jones suggested that we give special recognition to those who served and everyone agreed. Denise Daniels suggested Flag pins and Stacey Grant agreed to look into some giveaways for the military personnel on campus.
- b. Raymond Hayes suggested that we have a group of students to visit the VA Center in Dublin or the local American Legion. He also suggested that we acknowledge all faculty, staff, and students who served on the school's website on Veterans Day.
- c. It was suggested that we do a Veteran's appreciation week and getting the community involved. We should ask Elizabeth Gilmer to ask businesses to do something special one day each during that week.

H. DOD MOU/ SOC DNS

I. Military Friendly Status/Student Survey

- a. Survey is completed and we are waiting on results.

J. Other Concerns

- a. Next Meeting will be September 25th @9:30 am in the PCR with Dr. Boehmer.
- b. Military friendly meeting will be February 6th @3pm in PCR.