

**Minutes**  
**Veterans Action Committee Meeting**  
**July 9, 2013, 11:00 – 12:00 pm, Sunset**

**Attendees:** Barb Conner, Casey Coulson, Chris Dalla, Joseph Maurer, Tyler Pinson, Nellie Stewart, Carl Thomas, Whitney Witherspoon

**Absent:** AJ Davilla, Joseph Miranda, Jeff Pardy, Stephen Schultz, David Thaemert

Updates –

- a. Yellow Ribbon Events: Continue going? These are not recruiting events, most PR without a single lead in 5 events in the last 2 years. Money for going to TAP events? Funds were requested for OVA budget; however, only 40% of what was asked for. Erin Foley has agreed to pay a matching amount of \$1500. Casey and Tyler will work on a travel plan and budget for one or two TAP events. Nellie will send travel reimbursement rates.
- b. Sign for Vets Lounge: Looking into a 3-way sign and/or Flag display. Tyler will post OVA stuff to the bulletin board.
- c. Veterans Resource Center: The building! Tyler wrote a tech report that will be distributed to the group for review. He discusses the financial aspect with original design plan from Jimmy Arabaca while focusing on the benefits with survey data, the per capita in Klamath Falls is very high, the history for military in Klamath Falls, who and how many it would affect. The center would bring a lot of people to Oregon Tech.
- d. Tyler would like our group to look at ideas for our current Klamath Falls military population for Oregon Tech schooling: night classes, online degrees, a plan to follow, curriculum maps and degrees that can be completed in these special ways. From here group members will need to meet with SEM, Brad Burda and Erin Foley to move forward. Barb Conner would like the group to look at Florida University that just recently built a Vets Resource Center for ideas for grants, money, funding, building. Need to also match course and degree requirements to what enlisted personnel need for their promotion (Tyler/Barb).
- e. Vet Program Leaders for 2013-2014: Casey Coulson, OVA Director; Tyler Pinson, OVA Campus Programs Coordinator; Nigel Bliss, Iron Owl Coordinator; along with Joseph Miranda and AJ Davilla working on Iron Owl IV.
- f. Veterans Data / Survey: Carl will check on Banner and EMAS for self-reporting and also contact David Waite for a report with data. Possibly look to a survey for these students for feedback on resources.
- g. Iron Owl Recap: Better money monitoring and definitive budget will be done next year. Structures the same, however, will not pay for travel expenses. All funds will be raised for the event, minus the OVA purchasing the prize.
- h. ACAD Class for Vets Only: ACAD 207: Veteran Student Success, CRN 18980. An email is sent to new students after registering for classes to advertise the sign-up of this course as well as advisors made aware. Courses will led by Chris Dalla with Casey Coulson, Barb Conner and several Special Guest Speakers.
  - Week 1 – Motivation with President Maples
  - Week 2 – OMG! College – University Services
  - Week 3 – Veteran Related Services – homework – Super Club Sign Up (get involved)
  - Week 4 – Cool Tools – how to study
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  - Week 6 – Registration / 4 Year Plan for each vet by program
  - Friday, November 8 – Military Awareness Day with vendors and presentations

Week 7 – Plan B

Week 8 – Resume Workshop / how to handle break

Week 9 – Wrap Up

New Topics/ Discussion

- a. Orientation Weekend / Climbing Wall plus insurance: Casey and Tyler will check with Recruiting office for reservation and coordinate day/timing with Chris Frazier to match the orientation schedule of events. Check on waivers and signed releases for students to participate on campus.
- b. Next Meeting: Will look at first 2-weeks in September.

Written by Nellie Stewart