

# MINUTES

Veterans ACAD Meeting  
November 20, 2014, 9:00 – 10:00 am  
DOW E202

**Attendees:** Jeff Parady, Whitney Witherspoon, Barb Conner, Rob Shaffer, and special guest Di Saunders

**Absent:** Carl Thomas, Nellie Stewart, Steve Schultz, David Thaemert, Tyler Pinson, and Nigel Bliss.

- ACAD was discussed on how we can move forward. A recap of last meeting stated that Congressman Walden would continue to work with us, but we needed to provide a letter that is supported by upper administration. Di Saunders attended this meeting and is supportive to this initiative and stated she would like demographics that include retention rates, suspension rates, and any other demographics that can be used to differentiate veteran students from the rest of campus student population. Though reports are minimal and not accurate we stated we would give her what we can. If the data is not telling of its need then Di stated we could also move forward on principle of transitioning military personnel in civilian academia.
- While ACAD was the main focus of this meeting another item that came up was veteran's ability to use military experience and education for credit replacement when enrolled at Oregon Tech. Di Saunders mentioned that PSU and OSU do take credits and that she would discuss how they are able to do it.
- Di Saunders mentioned that the OVA could be offered marketing support in their activities.
- We did not have an update for the VAC other than Wendy Ivie has been contacted to try and discuss ways that we could use military experience and education for credit replacement. A meeting has yet to occur at this time, but will try by the end of Fall term 2014.
- We did not have an update for the OVA.
- We did not have an update for the Yellow Ribbon Ceremony.

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