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Veterans Action Committee Meeting March 3, 2014, 3:00 – 4:00 pm Mt. Bailey

Attendees: Barb Conner, Casey Coulson, Joseph Maurer, Jeff Pardy, Steve Schultz, Rob Shaffer, Carl Thomas, Nellie Stewart, David Thaemert, Whitney Witherspoon

Absent: Tyler Pinson

Updates

- The VAC Charge, Vision and Mission statements were reviewed by all committee members. A final edit was made to Charge number 3. The official document will be submitted to the President on behalf of the Veteran's Action Committee. Joseph Maurer made a motion to approve. Steve Schultz second. 9-in favor, 0-opposed, 0-abstain.
- The VAC will keep track of events put on by the OVA to start calendaring to eventually have a Yearly Glance. Events that have already happened are Lazer Tag, E-mail Ad for Free Printing and Free Books to veteran's receiving benefits, Vet Conference, and New Student Orientation.
- Steve Schultz has collected data from the institutional research office on all veterans receiving benefits. An analysis was put together from data pulled to start from 2007 with a 5-year completion rate. 4-Year Grad Rate is 54%, 5-Year Grad Rate is 62.9%, 6-Year Grad Rate is 68.6%.
- Table – Veteran Data: Self-report on admissions application
- E-mails to veteran status students plan: Free Printing e-mail go out February 28. Free books e-mail go out April 1. List of addresses will come from Registrar's office of those receiving benefits and from data received from application. Free Snacks. Free Grooming supplies.
- OVA has sent out a comprehensive e-mail to veteran students receiving benefits to encourage the use/availability of the Veteran's lounge and offer Free Printing and Free textbooks. OVA is looking into Gun Safety Training, Airsoft, Paintball, etc.
- The Iron Owl is scheduled for May 23-25. All details are coordinated with Armando Davila.
- The next Yellow Ribbon event is scheduled for April 12-13 in Washington. Because it is a combined day for Washington and Oregon, there will be no time for a presentation so Steve Schultz will not be attending. Steve plans to attend the Yellow Ribbon event in June once the details are announced.
- New Student Orientation will be expanding to Thursday, September 25 – Sunday, September 28. There will be more time for important student information sessions including resources,

depression, and suicide prevention. OVA would like to offer New Student Veteran Breakfast on one of the mornings. A special invite will go out to veteran students for this event.

Next Meeting

Friday, March 18, 10:00 – 11:00 am, Sunset

Written by Nellie Stewart