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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, Whitney Witherspoon

Absent: Tyler Pinson, David Thaemert

Updates

- VAC will focus on what we have been doing for our veterans on campus and their dependents on how we might be able to help more.
- Steve Schultz has collected data from the institutional research office on all veterans receiving benefits. He is working on details to analyze graduation rate. Data will be pulled to start from 2007 with a 5-year completion rate. Barb Conner will be able to help with those students that transferred out through the National Clearinghouse.
- The Yellow Ribbon event presentation has added a slide to accommodate the 5-year completion. Veterans that are able to receive benefits can collect for 36 months only. The new slide will show a comparison of how much tuition/school costs at various colleges for one year out of pocket. Also, the presentation will clarify to vets that once 10 years of service is reached the veteran benefit can be transferred to a spouse or child.
- 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.
- The OVA looks to create more big events that are appealing to veteran students. All events are campus-wide, but will have a focus of interest toward veteran activities. Looking into Gun Safety Training, Lazer Tag, Archery, Airsoft, Paintball, etc.
- Barb Conner has purchased a master calendar for the VAC group to map out events/dates of things that happen. Please bring all that you know of OVA events and things to our next meeting to build this master calendar. We will be able to view a full year of what goes on.
- The VAC Charge, Vision and Mission statements will go to committee members for review and final edits.
- Students from OVA will attend a SVA conference on the U of O campus on Thursday, March 6. An OVA chapter is being established in Wilsonville and Boeing is going through the approval process.

Next Meeting

Monday, March 17, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, Sunset

Written by Nellie Stewart