

Minutes
Veterans Action Committee Meeting
February 4, 2013, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, Sunset

Attendees: Casey Coulson, Chris Dalla, AJ Davila, Joseph Maurer Joe Miranda, Jeff Pardy, Tyler Pinson, Susan Richards, Stephen Schultz, Jennie Spencer, Nellie Stewart, Carl Thomas

TOPIC – Veteran’s Resource Center Webinar

A beginning step is a timeline to create a stand-alone building. The group would like to start this plan, however, in the meantime, would like to hire a coordinator for the current space and role for the Veteran’s Lounge.

The webinar provide a template service for free. We provide the numbers and he runs the reports.

Chris Dalla read an overview of the points made during the webinar.

First year, first term for Vets only cohort classes is a great idea and one we would like to bring up and begin to work on for the future. The group see’s the benefit but also the struggle to create such a program. Steve Schultz had a great idea to model that like the MIT math and writing courses as pilot courses where other vets would be in those specific sections.

Veteran status is on the application and input into banner, however, a report is not yet created to tell us who these students are. Carl Thomas and Steve Schultz will work on this with David Waite.

There is a lot of community impact and tuition impact to increase our student veteran population. We should begin to speak with chamber of commerce and attend meetings to express our ideas.

AJ showed the group a senior project submitted by civil engineering students in 2011 to build a Vandergrift Bunker. The AutoCAD details showed the 2-story space and map of location on campus. The plan proposes the building to have a bar on the bottom level with offices on the top. It shows it built on the hill in front of the gym.

Joseph brought up possibly adding a question into our homegrown survey for this Spring.

Add veteran status to EMAS to target our admitted future student veterans.

HOMEWORK – The group will look up other institutions for examples on Veteran’s Resource Centers and report back at our next meeting.

Reminders

**Next Meeting – Our next meeting Monday, February 25 at
10:00 am in Sunset**

Bring your homework!