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Veterans Action Committee Meeting
September 23, 2014, 9:00 – 10:00 am
SA conference room

Attendees: Jeff Pardy, Steve Schultz, Nellie Stewart, David Thaemert, Carl Thomas, Whitney Witherspoon

Absent: Barb Conner, Tyler Pinson, Rob Shaffer

Updates

- The Veteran Data benchmark graduation rate beginning 2007 was presented by Steve Schultz at the March 17 meeting. The data only includes students receiving veteran benefits. He will work with new IR Director, Mark Robinson to continue this research.
- Carl Thomas will work to get a list pulled from the admission application of students that marked veteran status. Once this list is retrieved he will provide to Nellie Stewart in excel so she can send out the postcards to advertise the VAC lounge. Whitney Witherspoon will also send an excel list to Nellie with the veterans on campus receiving benefits. The budget for printing will be brought up to the OVA Advisor, Rob Shaffer.
- The next Yellow Ribbon Event is to be held on October 25 with location to be announced. Steve Schultz will watch for details and plans to attend if it fits into his schedule.
- Admissions Assistant, Lindsey Davis was able to get on base at Kingsley Field and present information about Oregon Tech to a group of participants. There are also things in the works for a KCC articulation that will help students with Air force community college courses transfer to Klamath Community College. This will be great to encourage those students to then continue their education with a Bachelor's degree from Oregon Tech.
- The Veteran Breakout Session at New Student Orientation will be held on Thursday, September 25 at 1:45 pm in Mt. Thielsen. Presenters will be Jeff Pardy, Whitney Witherspoon, Steve Schultz and David Thaemert.
- The Veteran ACAD class tuition coverage has been denied by VA Benefits department. Jeff Pardy is sending a letter in attempt to reach agreement with State Representatives. Letter written by Jeff was shared with the group.

Next Meeting

We will meet in August before the New Student Orientation Event.

Written by Nellie Stewart