

# Oregon TECH

## Veterans Action Committee Meeting November 20, 2015, 2:00 PM, Sunset

### MINUTES

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**Attendees:** David Bartlemay, Barb Conner, Yuko Johnson, Jeff Pardy, Tyler Pinson, Stephen Schultz, Nellie Stewart, David Thaemert, Carl Thomas

**Absent:** Grace Rusth

- I. Website has been updated to reflect new name: SVP-Student Veterans Program. The process for website requests for changes has been established with the Marketing office.
- II. 2015-16 VAC Future Goals: Credit for Experience in the Military course transfers. Still working with information given by Wendy Ivie and Marla Edge and will work with the Registrar's Office on the ACE Program. A new veteran building on campus with the plans submitted by Tyler Pinson from his senior project. This could be a possibility for Oregon Tech with grant writing. Would like to get up-to-date data on veterans, including graduation rate. Barb Conner will work with Institutional Research on this request.
- III. 2014-15 VAC Accomplishments: Veteran Priority Registration started this Winter 2015 Registration. An email went out to students to announce this and recognize our veterans on campus. The ACAD class is being offered this Fall term with 4 students registered. There will be changes to curriculum as this first class learns as they go. Also, just purchased with the ACAD class is a website tool called UVIZE. Barb Conner will provide a training to our group on December 7 with more details.
- IV. SVP Lounge: The lounge will look into tracking attendance/usage with a card reader. This data will be helpful for grant writing. Attendance has been a lot busier than last year! It is required to have an employee in the lounge at all times it is open for students, so there are 7 employees sharing this role. The SVP is no longer allowed to use their program funds on snacks for the lounge, donations are gladly accepted. For Veterans Day, SVP hosted a table selling flags to honor a veteran and collected names for a poster. There were 427 flags on the hill in front of the gym on November 11 and a poster honoring names of veterans is in the College Union near the bookstore. Updates to the lounge will hopefully include a fridge, TV set-up for laptop/screen, whiteboard table and study area improvements.
- V. SVP Events: Winter term will host Friggin Laser Tag, Sprint term will host Golf Tournament, and ongoing fundraiser will be a t-shirt sale in the bookstore.

*Written by: Nellie Stewart*

**Next Meeting: will be scheduled in January.**