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Veterans Action Committee
April 6, 2015, 2:00 – 3:00 pm
Student Affairs Conference Room

Attendees: Barb Conner, Jeff Pardy, Tyler Pinson, Rob Shaffer, Steve Schultz, Nellie Stewart, David Thaemert, Carl Thomas

Absent: Austin Anderson, Nigel Bliss, Amber Duguay, Whitney Witherspoon

Updates

- 1) Veteran web pages: All sites have been combined and the one page will serve as a one-stop-shop located under the Admissions Tab from the homepage. The only other veteran web page is the OVA primary page.
- 2) Golf Tournament: May 17 at Harbor Links, 4 person scramble, tee off at 10:00 am. Donations for prizes are being collected from the Klamath Brewery, Sports Authority, Sportsman's Warehouse, The Ledge and Main Street Jewelers. No registrations as of yet. Advertisement posters are going up around campus and around Harbor Links. There must be 6 or 7 teams registered to have the event. All proceeds will go to the VEC.
- 3) DoD Announcement: The marketing department has received a memorandum of understanding regarding military friendly education. No school is to display any official seal. There will more than likely be an audit. Please do not use DoD emblems or promotional logo for print or digital media. Oregon Tech only has a few emblems on our site that are listed as resources with the logo. We are looking into this for clarification.
- 4) Tyler Pinson has been working with Wendy Ivie regarding the ALS and NCOA course book for review to see if there may be course credit available.
- 5) Iron Owl: The OVA will have no involvement this year. AJ Davila will be coordinating the entire event on May 22 and 23.
- 6) Future Goals: This year we have accomplished quote a lot! ACAD courses, Review of course credit for military courses, Website update. What would we like to set as goals for next year? ACAD course run Fall 2015. Apply for grant for Veteran Building on campus.
- 7) Tyler Pinson will graduate Winter term 2016. The new president will be Caleb Stroup. He has already been hired to begin working in the OVA lounge along with Diana Pinya. OVA would like to hire new employees each year so that the following year will always be covered. OVA has applied for this budget increase to accommodate new employee salaries.

- 8) OVA will be going through a name change. OVA is often confused with The VA which has a negative effect on veteran students. Also, some students thinking it is The VA come into the office for resources from a VA office. The vote will happen this week. Possible new name: Oregon Tech Veterans Program. OVA is also getting crowded. There are 12 students per day visiting the lounge with a 16 student maximum for capacity. Tyler has approached CU Manager Shellie Wilson about adding more space within the OVA lounge or possibly moving to a different location.

Written by: Nellie Stewart

Next Meeting: Monday, April 27, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Mt. McLaughlin