



Veterans Action Committee Meeting
January 22, 2016, 4:00 PM, Sunset
MINUTES

Attendees: David Bartlemay, Barb Conner, Yuko Johnson, Joseph Maurer, Jeff Pardy, Grace Rusth, Stephen Schultz, Nellie Stewart, David Thaemert

Absent: Tyler Pinson, Carl Thomas

- I. 2015-2016 VAC Goals: Credit for Experience in 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. Tyler Pinson will email his senior project plans for an example. Jeff Pardy will meet with Sara Reuter to start the grant writing process. Barb Conner will continue to work on veteran data including graduation rate.
- II. SVP Lounge Update: Students going in to the lounge are now being asked to swipe in to collect data of the lounge usage. This will help in the grant writing for a building. A sign will be posted near the swiper that explains to students that SVP will be applying for a grant and would like to show usage numbers. It will also be encouraged that if the student is coming to the lounge multiple times per day, to swipe each time. The data loads into banner and is easily available for reporting. Tyler Pinson will finish his degree at the end of Winter term. David Bartlemay will take over as President during the Spring term. Cash donations or food/snack donations will be accepted for the SVP Lounge. Their club budget funds are not allowed to purchase food. Grace Rusth is stepping down as advisor. The SVP will be processing a search/interview process for a new advisor.
- III. 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.
- IV. SVP Events: Winter term will host Friggin Laser Tag, Spring term will host Golf Tournament, and ongoing fundraiser will be a t-shirt sale in the bookstore.
- V. Barb presented veteran data in FAST. Very exciting! Soon the numbers will be confirmed and others will have access to running reports. Please attend a FAST training as they become available.

VI. VAC would like to invite Sandra Bailey to our next meeting to talk about the GERT force, General Education Review Task Force.

Written by: Nellie Stewart

Next Meeting: Friday, February 19, 3:00-4:00 pm, Sunset