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| **Troops to College (T2C) Committee** | | | | | | |
| Minutes | September 17, 2015 | | 3:30 pm | | 401 rudder | |
| Type of meeting | | Monthly | | | | |
| Facilitators | | Jerry Smith & Bridgette Ingram | | | | |
| Note taker | | Debbie Pack | | | | |
| Attendees | | Autumn Patterson; Brandon Prehn; Debbie Pack; Dianne Kraft; Don Freeman; Larhesa Johnson (OGS); Dana Foster (OGS); Jeff Salem; Jerry Smith; Josh Causey; Karen Allen; Karen Cambronero; Lynne Barnes; Lynne Muller-McIntyre; Martha Dannenbaum; Matthew Johnson; Mike dulke; Nancy Welch; Nick Kilmer; Roger Martinez’ Russ Gravs; Sarah Jaks; Sarah LeMire; Suzanne Rosser; Jim Fish; Michael O’Quinn - Guest | | | | |
| Agenda topics | | | | | | |
|  | **Introductions/General Announcements & Upcoming Veteran Events** | | | | Jerry Smith | |
| Discussion | After introductions of committee members, Mike O’Quinn, Vice President for Government Relations spoke on recent Veteran legislation:  Hazlewood Act – 3 examples – Veteran, Dependent and Legacy. There was an $11 million lost revenue on Legacy. Essentially nothing happened and no changes were made after presentations and debates.  On October 1, spending caps will come in. Hopefully avoid sequestration cuts.  Veterans Accountability Act – Enhances whistle-blower protection  Announcements: TEXAS A&M #1 RANKING as reported by USA Today. | | | | | |
| **OLD OR ON-GOING BUSINESS** | | | | | | |
| Discussion | Tillman Scholarship Application date opens February 1st. Have as an October agenda item discussion of Tillman process. Focus has been focused to post grads – do we continue?  Vet Connects this semester will be open to T2C members.  Grad Cord Reception – Beginning with the December graduation, process of reception will be different. Debbie will get the new procedures from Jerry. | | | | | |
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|  | **VSO ProcessING Update** | | | | Bridgette | |
| Discussion | Have currently reached 100% of last years nmbers for last fall, 1800 Hazlewood. 95% of last year for VA benefits. VSO has currently taken over Galveston due to turnovers down there.  Let VSO know of students with need and vice versa. | | | | | |
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|  | **military admissions** | | | | Karen cambronero | |
| Discussion | Lots of students, lots of walk-ins. Working on website an service to school. | | | | | | |
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|  | **Student Veteran Leader updates** | | | | jerry smith | | |
| Discussion | Delta Company – Brandon Prehn: Academics are up this semester. Officer from SCONA is in Delta Company this semester. There are members this semester with extensive militar background and GPA’s of 3.0. E6 and E7.  Graduate Student Update – Jeff Salem: There are free tickets available for vets for Vet Tix. Donated by others  Active Duty Student At-Large – Josh Causey: Has sent an email out to try to pull more veterans in.  Courtney Cares – Lynne Muller-McIntyre – Starts Wednesdays at 5:30 | | | | | | |
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|  | **Vet success on campus** | | | | lynne muller-mcIntyre | | |
| Discussion | Help spread the word about “Up Armor Relationships.” Looking for military couples (at least 1 a student). Small groups of 3-4 couples, connect with spouse support groups. Let Lynne know of any couples who might be interested. Couples are starting to sign up for the sessions. Will probably have 2 separate sessions with 4-5 couples in each session. | | | | | | |
|  | **miscellaneous** | | | | jerry smith | |
| Discussion | Strategic Plan – Bridgette and Jerry are continuing working on this. Making sure the plan is in sync with Department of Student Affair’ and Veteran Services’ plans Consolidated 10 strategies to 4-5. Will try to send out the next couple of weeks.  Awards Committee - **Still need Student Vet of the Month nominations. Please send to Jerry.** Need student and faculty/staff nominations. Cory Thompson, VSO student worker, was nominated for August. Still need a faculty/staff nomination.  Round the Table:  Sarah J. – Offices of Cain Hall will be moving to the Student Services at White Creek during the Cain Hall renovation. AGOSS is going to transition to Off Campus Services. All services will still be available. The new title just shows best who the customers are.  Suzanne – AOC briefing was today.  Martha – Introduced Jim Fish, Associate Directorof SHS. Jim will be transitioning into Martha’s position on T2C.  Sarah L. – Currently working on a Women’s Veteran Program for March (National Women’s Month). Will be asking for help from T2C in the near future. If anyone is interested in helping Sarah, please notify her.  Matthew – Working on students’ records who have excessive credit hours.  Jerry is working on a nomination to NASPA of Military Admissions for award. If you have anything you would like to add, send to Jerry.  Jerry & Bridgette will be attending the TCCVS meeting in Austin on Monday. May reconvene data subcommittee.  TAMU System Symposium will be next week at TAMU – Central Texas.  Jerry handed out a form of Best Practices for veterans. He asked those who received the form to fill it out and send it back to him. | | | | | |
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|  | **community update** | | | | gerry hince | |
| Discussion | Gerry Hince was not available for the meeting | | | | | |
| **new business** |  | | | | jerry smith | |
| Discussion | Speakers for T2C meetings: Diane Hurtado, September  Future Speakers: Someone from Engineering, Dr. Pugh, Joe Pettibon, Dr. Young | | | | | |

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|  | **Meeting summary** | | jerry smith | |
| Discussion |  | | | |
| Action items | | Person responsible | | Deadline | |