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| **Troops to College (T2C) Committee** |
| Minutes | january 21, 2016 | 3:30 pm | 401 rudder |
| Type of meeting | Monthly  |
| Facilitators | Jerry Smith & Bridgette Ingram |
| Note taker | Debbie Pack |
| Attendees | Jerry Smith; Bridgette Ingram; Debbie Pack; Jeff Salem; Josh Causey; Karen Cambronero; Karen Allen; Lynne Muller-McIntyre; Kristin Harper; Mike Dulke; David Tofel; Lee Ann Pickett; Portia Wyatt; Allison Madeira; Sarah Jaks; Gerry Hince; Martha Dannenbaum; Dianne Kraft; Sarah LeMire; Norma Nunez; Leah Morales; Homero Perez-Gomez was in attendance for Robert Rubio. |
| Agenda topics |
|  | **Introductions/General Announcements & Upcoming Veteran Events** | Jerry Smith |
| Discussion | Jerry read the press release on the bronze award VRSC/Military Admissions received for a paper written on the Military Admissions process at Texas A&M. Jerry and Karen Cambronero will be presenting at the NASPA Military Symposium in Orlando the 4th of February.Calendar and upcoming events:Bridgette reminded everyone the Pat Tillman Foundation apps open February 1st. Deadline to apply for the TAMU Scholarship Application for Continuing Students is February 1st. FAFSA deadline is February 15th. Jerry went over important dates coming up on the calendar:Wednesday, January 13th, 5:30 – 8:30, Vet Camp, Gates BallroomMonday, February 1st, Pat Tillman Foundation Application Opens and Deadline to apply for the TAMU Scholarship Application for Continuing StudentsSaturday, February 6th, 9:00 am – Noon, Veterans Legal Clinic, American Legion, Post 159Saturday, February 6th, Military Appreciation Basketball Game, 3:00 pmSaturday, February 6th (Reed Arena) and 7th – 11th (MSC), Remembering Our Fallen DisplayTuesday, February 9th, 8:00 – 5:00 TVC Summit, MSCWednesday, February 10th, Veterans in Government Career Fair, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm; Brazos County Expo, 5827 Leonard Road, Bryan, TX. <http://tvc.texas.gov/Veterans-in-Government.aspx>Wednesday, February 17th, Courtney Cares begins new sessionWednesday, March 9th, Vet Connect – Accenture; 11:30 – 1:30, 110 KoldusWednesday, March 16th, Priority deadline to submit the 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)Wednesday, March 23rd, Vet Connect – Chevron Phillips, Ernst & Young, Union Pacific; 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, 701 RudderFriday, March 25th, Deloitte C.O.R.E Leadership Program, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, 701 RudderWednesday, April 13th, Vet Connect - Northrop Grumman, 11:30 – 1:30 , 110 KoldusMay – Pat Tillman Foundation Application Closes |
| **GUEST PRESENTERS** |
| Discussion | Madi Byerly – Aggies Support USO: Spoke of ways their student group programs events for veterans: Care packages; Red, White & Barbecue; getting involved with other organizations. Membership has increased and they are looking for new things to get involved. This unit of USO is still the only collegiate unit in the United States.Kassie and Andre – Aggie Shields: Has started a lending library, housed in the VRSC, for students to turn in used text books which are then available for other students to check out as needed per semester instead of having to buy the books. The program has grown exponentially since it began about a year ago. This past semester, they had several books that were no longer being used for classes so they gathered them up and took them to Half Price Books and sold them. With the money they made, they were able to buy books for 3 students this past semester. They also have other events such as face painting at the ball games to help raise awareness of their program. They are in need of more space. |
| **OLD OR ON-GOING BUSINESS** |
| Discussion | Norma Nunez presented the idea of possibly working with the PAVE students to help student veterans in learning the FAFSA process and in turn join the PAVE mentors. Jerry said there might be a possibility to hold a Vet Connect for the FAFSA process. |
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|  | **VSO ProcessING Update**  | Bridgette |
| Discussion | Numbers from Bridgette:Hazlewood, Spring 2016 processed as of 1/20/16: CS 1,149, GV 59. Requested and waiting to be processed: CS – 359 GV – 27 VA: CS 760, GV 56 Requested and waiting to be processed: CS – 154 GV 21Chapter 31 Recipients: CS – 41, GV - 3 |
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|  | **military admissions** | Karen cambronero |
| Discussion | JST (Joint Service Transcript) – Boot Camp is now being accepted for KINE 198 and 199. Admissions for Summer 15 up 15% |
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|  | **Student Veteran Leader updates** | jerry smith |
| Discussion | Student Vet Association: 3 officers with the SVA National Convention with the help of 4 sponsors. SGA partnered to raise $6,500 for the trip to the conference. SVA has participated in the MSC Open House to have more exposure. Other events they would like to get involved in – Basketball military appreciation night, Big Event, Baseball games, etc. Jerry suggested maybe getting an SVA student as a student vet representative to SGA.Graduate Programs (Jeff Salem & Josh Causey): Working on ideas for getting news to active duty or grad students. Draft things for the newsletters. How can they connect sooner to info when coming in? |
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|  | **Vet success on campus** | lynne muller-mcIntyre |
| Discussion | No new news |
|  | **miscellaneous** | jerry smith |
| Discussion | Jerry brought up the discussion of the definition of “veteran.” Rod Davis took this over and came up with a code on how to designate veterans with no characterization of discharge.Round the Table:Sarah Jaks – Wednesday, February 17th is the Housing Fair. New off campus manuals will be available after the Fair.Sarah LeMire – March 9th from 11 am – 1 pm an Aggie Women’s Vet Panel program will be held in Evans 204 E.Martha Dannenbaum – Tri-fold for Tri-Care is now out.David Tofel – 2/8 is the next transfer recruiting event, 2/18 will be ACC. Next year plans to go to the Valley and San Antonio.LeeAnn Pickett: Student drops for non- pay 2/17.OGAPS – Please send them resources to send with recruiters.Gerry Hince – American Legion building is still available for use by student vet groups.Allison Madeira – UAC Brown Bag on the 29th of January. Leah Morales – Lots of traffic going through VSO.Lynne – Courtney Cares starts on the 17th. They need volunteers to help veterans. |
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|  | **community update** | gerry hince |
| Discussion | No new news |
| **new business** |  | jerry smith |
| Discussion | Spring ’16 Faculty/Staff Seminar = EOD “Coffee Conversations: Hot Topics for Higher Education” Friday, April 15th from 8:30 am – 10:00 am in the GSC. Jerry is going to talk to Anne Meyer about using this seminar as the faculty/staff training this year. Deloitte is going to be sponsoring a C.O.R.E. Leadership Program, March 25th from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm in 701 Rudder. About 18-24 students needed. |
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|  | **Meeting summary** | jerry smith |
| Discussion | Next T2C meeting, Thursday, February 18, 2016 401 Rudder |
| Action items | Person responsible | Deadline |