

**Minutes of the Senate ROTC committee meeting
December 3, 2009**

Members Present: Albert Berger, Craig Carlson, Richard Fiordo, Donna Pearson, Amebu Seddoh, Thad Rosenberger, LTC Kevin Sickinger, Lt. Col. Curtis Hunt.

Regrets: Sean Valentine, Sean Crawford, Daniel Erickson

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 (12:05pm):

Announcements

1. A brief outline of how members are nominated and elected to the Senate ROTC committee was discussed. It was noted that in the past that the Senate Committee on Committees has had difficulty finding names of people willing to participate on the committee. Dr. Rosenberger noted that if we know of people who are willing to serve that we forward the names of these people to the Senate Committee on Committees to have their names placed on the Senate ballot.

Business

1. **Review of the 2009-2010 Senate ROTC membership:** A revised roster of the current ROTC committee membership was circulated and it was noted that Richard Fiordo was given permission from the University Senate President to serve on the committee with voting privileges due to the unavoidable absence of one of our members. It was further noted that the Student Senate has re-assigned Sean Crawford as a student representative to the committee. There was no information at the time of the meeting of the second student representative assignment.
2. **Review of Senate ROTC Minutes dated 5/7/2009:** Draft copies of the May 7th Senate ROTC committee were circulated and reviewed. The committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes.
3. **Review of Senate ROTC Minutes dated 9/17/2009:** Draft copies of the September 17th Senate ROTC committee were circulated and reviewed. The committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes pending correction of the spelling of Major Mullers name.
4. A motion was made to allow the electronic circulation and review of the ROTC committee minutes to help speed the review and posting process. The committee voted unanimously to allow the electronic circulation and review and the committee minutes.
5. **Review of LTC Josh C. Sauls candidacy as the replacement commander of the Army ROTC program.** The committee reviewed the dossier of LTC Josh C. Sauls the candidate replacement for LTC Kevin J. Sickinger. A short discussion was made by LTC Sickinger describing LTC Saul's military service, his aviator status, and his educational background. It was noted by Dr. Berger and agreed on by the committee that LTC Sauls training and past instructor status at Ft. Rucker will help our program to further strengthen it ties with this aviator program. It was also noted that this may help to avoid delays in training that our Army ROTC graduates experience when they rotate through this program. The committee voted unanimously to approve LTC Sauls candidacy and suggested that a memo describing our support be forwarded to Dean Elbert in an effort to speed the University approval process.
6. **Status/update on LTC Sickingers' Retirement:** LTC Sickinger noted that he had recently forwarded his retirement papers to the Army Administration and that he is still on track to retire

this summer (2010). LTC Sickinger is confident that he will be available help with the transition in leadership between his leaving and the appointment of his replacement pending no delays. Dr. Berger suggested, and the committee agreed, that the ROTC committee be made available to help with this transition and suggested, if possible, that the committee meet with both of them during the transition.

7. **Status/Update on University commitments and strengthen ties to the School of Business:**
There were no new announcements or progress concerning further University commitments to help support the ROTC recruiting programs. LTC Sickinger noted that he will be meeting with Dean Elbert on December 14th to further discussion of strengthening ties between the ROTC programs and the School of Business.
8. **Election of Committee Chair:** The committee voted 7 to 1 to elect Dr. Albert Berger as the 2009-2010 senate ROTC committee chair.

Discussion

1. Lt Col. Hunt announced that his program will be reviewed by the Air Force during finals week.
2. LTC Sickinger announced that the Commanding General will be visiting UND in January. LTC Sickinger will be contacting Dean Elbert and President Kelly to arrange formal meeting with the general and to possibly arrange a formal dinner at the President's Mansion.

Meeting was adjourned at 13:30 (1:30pm).