

**Minutes of the Senate ROTC committee meeting
May 7, 2009**

Members Present: Albert Berger, Donna Pearson, Thad Rosenberger, Amebu Seddoh, LTC Kevin Sickinger, Lt. Col. Tony Williams.

Regrets: Eric Murphy, Haylee Cripe, Sean Crawford, Richard Fiordo.

Others Present: Dennis Elbert

The meeting was called to order at 14:30 (2:30pm):

An announcement was made reminding committee members of the A ROTC and AF ROTC Spring 2009 Commissioning Ceremony scheduled for Saturday May 16.

Business

1. **Review of Minutes:** A draft copy of the December, 2008 minutes were reviewed and approved by unanimous decision vote.
2. **Review of Annual Report Sent to the Senate:** A copy of the committee report was reviewed by the senate outlining those points detailed in the report.
3. **Status/Update on Progress of Establishing Drill Space:** LTC Kevin Sickinger reported that using the Ralph for drill space was working out well and that the AROTC had performed two concert set ups and take downs as agreed in payment for using the space. LTC Sickinger and Lt. Col. Williams also reported that using the Alerus center is also working well and that this facility is best for performing PT-test.
4. **Report on White Paper call:** LTC Sickinger reported that the request for University funds to support recruiting efforts of the ROTC programs was turned down. LTC Sickinger reported that President Kelley will attend a ROTC summer program.
5. **Discussion:**
 - a. Lt. Col. Williams announced that he will be leaving the UND AFROTC program and that his position will be filled next fall by Lt. Col. Hunt. He also mentioned that several new cadre are joining the program over the summer and that these personnel should be reviewed by the committee in the fall.
 - b. A discussion was held on ways the ROTC program could increase the programs community profile and further strengthen University relations. Several ideas were suggested including detailing to the University Senate that based on the cadets GPA, Major, professional accomplishments, and the unique aspect of the AROTC program in ND that it should be pointed out that the Program could be considered a center of excellence. Dr. Berger also suggested the idea of a concept paper similar to what he had presented in the past detailing the growth of the program over the last decade, progress of the program and expenditures of the program. It was also suggested that the Cadre meet with Kim Woods in an effort to develop a leadership program as well as further investigate other potential partnerships with the Business school.
6. **Meeting was adjourned at 15:30 (3:30pm).**