



University Council Student Engagement and Success

Minutes: April 4, 2012 – Military Veterans Association Presentation

Attendees: Fey, Charlie; Gannon, Debbie; Kline, John; Krovi, Ravi; Levy, Paul; Pleuss, Carol; Steer, David; Thorpe, Lauri; Yu, Jaimie.

Absent: Herstich, Carolyn; Mothes, Holly; Pavlichich, Andrea

Presentation – Military Veterans Association

Martin Belsky, Christian Turner and Alex spoke about the Veterans Center located on the third floor of InfoCision Stadium.

- In 2008 the Veterans Steering Committee looked at what UA was doing for Veterans and the recruiting process.
- Veterans (students) at KSU, CSU, OSU could get credit towards their degree for what they took in the military, but not at Akron. Now students at UA can get that credit thanks to Dr. Dale and Karla Mugler.
- In the next two years UA will have the opportunity to recruit Veterans and boost our enrollment to 40,000 students. Veterans can attend UA from anywhere in the US and pay in-state tuition.
- A new veterans' brochure is in process.
- High School counselors are doing a good job with keeping in touch with which of their students went into the service.
- Financial Aid is NOT an issue for veterans.
- Two important things veterans need are child care and partner support.
- The Veterans Center provides a support system for veterans.

Why UA should recruit veterans:

- The maturity of veterans. This maturity produces a highly motivated student.
- The University of Akron is ranked in the Top 10 for "Military Friendly" schools.

The Military Veterans Association's concerns:

- Consensus that faculty, administrative staff, and students understand the needs of returning veterans.
- Be prepared for call-backs.
- UA needs a "one-stop" Veterans Service Center for returning Veterans to college.
- UA has been very good about waiving some of the fees for veterans.
- Partnerships with community and other organizations on campus.
- The understanding from faculty where a veteran is in their military cycle and an understanding of the military cycle.
- A mind set for UA that whatever a veteran may need, we can make it happen.

Future meeting dates and times: Wed., May 9, 3:00 to 4:00. STUN 310