

Military Friendly Committee Meeting Agenda 09/23/2020 3:00pm

Attendees: Lynette Saulsberry, Chelsea Follis, Anna Helms, Jack Palmer (student), David Chevalier, Jim Beall, Karen Murphree, Sara Young, Carlos Cunha, Michael Wernon, John Giebfried, Denise Daniels

Meeting schedule for Academic Year 20-21

- We had agreed to meet twice a semester unless we needed to meet more. Sub-groups could meet as needed if working on a project. Are we still okay with twice a semester? I believe the time slot of 3-4 works well for our faculty on the committee. Discussion?
 - Twice a semester works – more if needed. Can update via emails a well.
- Next Meeting Date – November 4th, 3-4 – does that work?
 - Next meeting date is Wednesday, November 4th from 3-4 – Denise will schedule, zoom call

Current Committee Purpose and Functions:

http://www.ega.edu/offices/presidents_office/standing_committees/military_friendly_campus_committee

Purpose and Functions:

The purpose of the Military Friendly Campus Committee is to promote and maintain a military friendly atmosphere for all military personnel at EGSC. Its functions are to create and implement targeted strategies for registration, advisement, and academic support of military students, to maintain data on military students, to provide on campus events for military students, to foster relationships with military organizations in support of military students, to maintain the college's military friendly status and to recommend and update policies and procedures as necessary and proper to accomplish its purpose.

John Giebfried – update to military friendly atmosphere from military friendly status as EGSC does not meet requirements set forth to gain “Official Military Friendly Status” issued by a 3rd party.

Membership:

- Chair, Assistant Director of Military Resource Center
- SCO (VA Certifying Official)
- Registrar
- Director of Admissions
- Director of Financial Aid
- Business Affairs – Tuition Assistance
- Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs (remove)
- Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Dean of Humanities/Social Science and Math/Science
- Military Academic Advisor from each campus
- Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management (remove, duplicate)
- Vice President for Institutional Advancement
- One military veteran student or military dependent student
- Recruiter- Student Affairs

Any changes needed? Remove VPAA and AVPEM

Denise will ensure that the website gets updated – there are a couple members (highlighted) not currently on the website.

Work Plan for Academic Year 20-21

Activities around EGSC

- Very different this year – still would like to have 1 event per campus per semester, however with strict guidelines and room availability, this will be difficult. Ideas welcome.

Outside options, virtual, walking tribute, video tribute

- Military Friendly Survey – EGSC won't be completing this year. We completed last year to ensure that our data wouldn't meet qualifications. Must change mindset to act and perform Military Friendly, not base our "military friendly" status on a 3rd party survey.

Dr. Sharman met with a couple of members over the summer and some initiatives she would like tackled this year were discussed. This is an aggressive list – If approved, we will need to divide and conquer. Dr. Sharman will update us on a meeting she had with Dr. Boehmer regarding some of these initiatives and if we are allowed to move forward. **2020-2021 Military Friendly proposals include, but are not limited to, the initiatives identified below:**

- Some of these items were:
 - **Waived Application Fees:** Military-affiliated student applicants would no longer pay an EGSC application fee. The fee would either be waived by the institution or supplemented by donor contributions. **Action Agencies:** Business Office and Institutional Advancement ***
 - Jim Beall will get with Dr. Sharman on sending a memo regarding this to Cliff in the Business Office
 - **Military Advising:** Military-affiliated students would be assigned academic advisors with military backgrounds. This will allow the institution to make deeper and more meaningful connections with our military-affiliated students. **Action Agencies:** Registrar's Office and Campus Directors ***
 - This could be done as a team approach, much like the Success Teams for athletics. In Grades First, it displays a Success Team, based on student attributes on each students' profile in Banner.
 - Sub team working on this will be Denise, Lynette, Karen, John and Jim
 - Advisors could be veterans or dependents – to be able to make connection with student, both perspectives are valuable
 - **Pro-Active Registration:** Assigned military-affiliated advisors would proactively work to ensure that EGSC military-affiliated students' registration needs are identified at least two weeks prior to registration opening and are registered on the first day. **Action Agencies:** Assigned Advisors ***
 - We will shoot to begin this with Summer/Fall registration as we are too close to Spring registration
 - Military Advising teams need to be created first
 - **EGSC Web Site:** The EGSC Homepage will contain a direct link to the EGSC Military Friendly page and will include a patriotic icon (e.g. U.S. Flag) and Military Friendly message (e.g. "East Georgia Respects and Appreciates our Military"). **Action Agencies:** IT & Institutional Advancement ***

- Denise will work with marketing/IT
- **Patriotic Holiday Events:** EGSC will sponsor or cosponsor institutional and community events on designated holidays that recognize and honor U.S. military service members and veterans (e.g. Veterans Day & Memorial Day). **Action Agencies:** Campus Directors & Campus Military Liaisons
- **Military Student Appreciation Days:** EGSC will continue to sponsor “Military Student Appreciation Days,” on each campus, that recognize and honor our military-affiliated students. **Action Agencies:** Campus Directors & Campus Military Liaisons
- **EGSC Military Student Centers Video Tour:** A “video-tour” highlighting EGSC’s military student centers, facilities, and accommodations will be produced and linked to the EGSC Military Friendly web page. **Action Agencies:** EGSC Communications, IT, & Campus Military Liaisons
- **Proactive News Release Campaign:** The Military Friendly Committee will initiate a proactive news release campaign highlighting EGSC’s new Military Friendly initiatives, activities, and holiday observances. **Action Agencies:** EGSC Communications & Campus Military Liaisons
- **Updated EGSC Military Friendly Brochures:** A new EGSC “Military Friendly” color brochure will be produced highlighting both the current and new services/benefits provided to our military-affiliated students. **Action Agencies:** EGSC Communications & Military Friendly Chair.
- **Promotional Item Donations:** The Military Friendly Committee will explore the acquisition of donated educational items such as iPads and laptop computers from local, state, and national retailers for awarding to military-affiliated students. Criteria for receipt to be established. **Action Agencies:** Military Friendly Committee and Institutional Advancement
- **Monetary Donations:** The Military Friendly Committee will explore the acquisition of monetary donations from local, state, and national philanthropic organizations, military alumni, and affiliated donors for the purpose of awarding financial benefits/incentives to military-affiliated students and/or underwriting specific funding such as EGSC applications fees. **Action Agencies:** Military Friendly Committee and Institutional Advancement
- **Military Friendly Certifications:** The Military Friendly Committee will proactively explore multiple post-secondary institutional “Military Friendly” designations and/or certifications, the criteria for obtaining and maintaining those designations, and the timelines and/or fees for submitting such applications. **Action Agency:** Military Friendly Committee
- **Staff and Faculty Recognitions:** EGSC’s Executive Administration will identify and recognize its military-affiliated faculty and staff in a public forum such as the Fall or Spring Faculty Meetings. **Action Agencies:** Military Friendly Committee and Office of the Vice President

Items marked with *** are items prioritized by the Military Friendly Committee. Other items will be addressed as time, resources and COVID restrictions allow.