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Veterans Action Committee
October 2, 2015, 2:00 – 3:00 pm
Mt. Bailey

Attendees: David Bartlemay, Yuko Johnson, Jeff Pardy, Nellie Stewart, David Thaemert

Absent: Barb Conner, Grace Rusth, Steve Schultz, Carl Thomas

Updates

1) Welcome and Introductions were made.

2) New Name: SVP – Student Veterans Program has been well received. There is a new logo and new signs to the lounge. The Veteran web pages have been combined and the one page will serve as a one-stop-shop located under the Admissions Tab from the homepage. The only other veteran web page is the OVA primary page that needs to be updated with the SVP name change.

3) New Student Orientation Feedback: There were 9 Veterans at the Non Trad/Veteran Session during NSO on Saturday, September 26. It was a fun event with dinner and lots of conversations as well as a tour of the SVP Lounge.

4) 2014-15 VAC Accomplishments: ACAD classes have been approved for tuition payment with VA benefits. Committee would like to write a letter back to Senator Wyden with an update and big thank you! The new, bigger space for the lounge was a great transition. Now there is more room for the book rentals, computers, study space/quite areas and desks. The Golf Tournament raised $500. The Laser Tag event had the most attendance it's ever had. The November 11 President's Breakfast and Parade have increased participation as they continue to be good and consistent events.

5) 2015-16 VAC Future Goals: Credit for Experience in the Military course transfers. Still working with information given by Wendy Ivie and Marla Edge and will look into the ACE Program with Yuko Johnson. A new veteran building on campus with the plans submitted by Tyler Pinson from his senior project. This could be a possibility for Oregon Tech with grant writing. Veteran Priority Registration will start for Winter 2015. An email will go out to students to announce this and recognize our veterans on campus.

Written by: Nellie Stewart

Next Meeting: Friday, November 20, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Sunset