

## Academic Board Minutes of 18 January 2005

COL Spike Metts, Jr.	COL Al Finch
COL Earl Walker	COL Dennis Fallon
COL Dan Ouzts	COL Mark Bebensee
COL Al Gurganus	COL Gardel Feurtado
LTC John Moore	Dr. Ray Jones
COL Angie LeClercq	COL Jim Leonard
COL J. Blanton	COL Bo Moore, Jr.
LTC Paul Rosenblum	LTC John Carter
LTC Ken Brannan	LTC Steve Nida
COL Richard Lake	COL Brian McMillan
MAJ Anne Beddingfield	LTC James Hurley for COL Alan Ekrem
LTC Bill Woolsey	MAJ Sylvia Nesmith
COL Joe Trez, Guest	

BG Steven was meeting with the Board of Visitors, and COL Metts called the meeting to order at 1520.

### Item 1. Approval of Minutes of 14 December 2004

COL Bebensee moved the approval of the minutes of the 14 December 2004 meeting as they had been submitted. COL Finch seconded, and the motion carried without opposition.

### Item 2. Veterans' Program

COL Lake, Chair of the Committee appointed to review the consequences of implementing the Faculty Council resolution to reinstate the Veterans' Day Program at The Citadel, asked COL Trez to present an overview of issues related to the reinstatement:

- No legal constraints;
- No court order regarding the reopening of the Veterans' Program;
- This does not mean that the veteran status for civilian admission to cadet classes cannot be challenged in court by civilian non-veteran applicants.

A number of issues were discussed:

- Could the type of discharge from active duty be an admission criterion?
- Specifying civilian veteran students for day classes is suspicious. Why would we seek only this group of civilian students?
- Fitness for military duty seems a strange criterion to be qualified for academic work.
- Veteran status would not automatically mean admission. Perhaps admission could be restricted to selected majors.
- Reinstatement could be a first step toward diminishing the importance of the Corps of Cadets.

- Perhaps the number of veterans admitted could be limited.
- This could lead to The Citadel becoming another second-rate military college –Texas Tech, Norwich, North Georgia.
- Veterans go into the Corps at the Military Academies, and this is an opportunity at The Citadel.

**Item 3. Other**

COL Ouzts reported that the School of Education and the Department of English have agreed that that the English Teaching Field should be dropped from the B.S. in Education because so few students are selecting it. COL Ouzts moved, COL Finch seconded, and the motion was unopposed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 15:55.

Respectfully submitted,  
Isaac S. Metts, Jr.  
Associate Provost