

Academic Board Minutes of 20 September 2005

BG Donald Steven	COL Spike Metts, Jr
COL Al Finch	COL Dennis Fallon
COL Tony Johnson	COL Mark Bebensee
Dr. Ray Jones	COL Al Gurganus
COL Bo Moore, Jr.	COL Randy Blanton
COL Jim Leonard	COL Peter Rembiesa
COL Gardel Feurtado	COL John Carter
COL Angie LeClercq	LTC Ken Brannan
LTC John Moore	LTC John Peeples
LTC Paul Rosenblum	LTC Steve Nida
COL Alan Ekrem	COL Kevin Frederick
MAJ Harry Davakos	MAJ Sylvia Nesmith
MAJ Anne Beddingfield	

BG Steven called the meeting to order at 1515.

Item 1. Approval of Minutes of 15 August 2005

With one correction of a typographical error, COL Finch moved and COL Bebensee seconded the approval of the minutes. The minutes, as corrected, were approved without opposition.

Item 2. 1950 (7:50 PM) Electronic All-In Test

COL Metts described a software system designed and developed by LTC John Moore. LTC Moore recognized that requiring cadets to be in their rooms at 1950 for all-in accountability required students who wished to study in various locations across campus, such as Daniel Library, to either stop their study to return to their barracks for the all-in or remain in the barracks until after all-in before moving to preferred study areas. Both these alternatives are disruptive to the limited study time for cadets.

LTC Moore's software will enable specific computers in specified study areas to serve as all-in verification locations. Cadets who have been registered in the program data base will have from 1930 to 2000 to sign on to the software and enter their CIT numbers and PINs. The software will automatically record the student's name, location, and the time the student signed into the system. The report generated by the software will supplement the visual all-in checks performed in each company.

When LTC Moore demonstrated his program for the Commandant's Office, it was recognized that this could be modified to convert the 1950 and 2300 all-in checks to an electronic format. LTC Moore has worked with ITS, and Palmetto Battery will be testing the software this semester. Once the program has been tested, its use will expand to other companies and ultimately to the entire Corps. ITS will convert LTC Moore's program to Cold Fusion so that it can interface with other software systems ITS has developed to assist in the management of cadet life. The Board expressed its appreciation of LTC Moore's effort with a round of applause.

Item 3. Other Matters

BG Steven reported on five issues:

- The TERI Plan had been taken off the agenda because the finalized process for dealing with rehiring individuals who have retired, through TERI or otherwise, is being placed on the HR website. A link to the policy will be provided in "Phoebe." If individuals still have questions after reading the policy, the topic will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Under this policy, departments/schools will be

able to retain retiring colleagues. If the academic unit wishes to retain a colleague, several steps are required:

- The position formerly occupied by the retired colleague may not be filled as long as that colleague is under contract.
 - A formal contract must be developed that outlines the specific expectations of the visiting faculty member (recalling that visiting faculty member may not serve on committees such as the FTPC), the proposed salary, and the terms of the contract to include conditions of renewal. The contract must be approved by the Provost. Under this contractual approach, advertising positions and interviewing applicants will not be needed.
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- The concepts of visiting faculty, adjunct faculty, Executive-In-Residence, Artist-In-Residence, and Distinguished Professor have been discussed, and a draft proposal has been forwarded to the Faculty Council for consideration.
 - BG Steven reminded the Board that all full-time positions are offered by the Provost and that new templates had been developed for letters offering full-time positions.
 - The searches for 2006-07 have been approved, and a position has been added in Physics for a department head search. The Provost indicated that he would be pleased to see the addition of a position in Philosophy since such a position would add an appropriate and needed dimension to a liberal arts education. This concept has been discussed in a very preliminary way with Dean Finch, but would need to be discussed by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and a recommendation made. I've spoken preliminarily with Dean Finch about this and it's in his hands. A position has also been added in Engineering to support ongoing program developments that Dean Fallon and colleagues have planned in the area of project management.
 - The Provost is meeting regularly with Cadet Cina, Regimental Academic Officer, regarding the Class Absence System. Cadet Cina has provided a number of initiatives to address both excused and unexcused absences. In addition, a positive article has appeared in "The Brigadier," and the senior cadet leadership have seemed eager to accept their responsibilities regarding the CAS.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1545.

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