Veterans Action Committee
March 2, 2015, 3:00   4:00 pm
Sunset

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VAC would like Oregon Tech to look into military course transfer credits to apply toward specific courses, much like the University of Denver. Right now all military courses are brought in as lower-division transfer credits. VAC would also like to see courses for military experience such as deployment and leadership/management training.

Suggestions made by Wendy Ivie and Marla Edge included Credit for Prior Learning where the veteran can create a portfolio to submit for multiple course credit, Courses Substitutions where the veteran will submit a form to advisor and department chair for approval of course by course, and/or Credit by Exam where the veteran will take an exam to prove knowledge of the subject and receive course credit. Also, Wendy will look over the example websites to research other university models.

1)   Veteran web pages: Thank you Rob and marketing! The veteran page now has links and details to everything on one page. From the homepage listed under Admissions.

2)   Recognition for President Maples: The group signed the card. OVA will deliver to President Maples.

3)   Laser Tag event: Hosted 23 teams. Many volunteers dropped out at the last minute which made things a little chaotic, but OVA managed to put on an awesome event with 100 people participating. The fraternity did a raffle with proceeds going to the Wounded Warriors. The rental company sent two boxes of everything. The set-up for the event used both the rented blow-up barricades and tables. Enough equipment this year that they were able to change the set-up between competitions. The new format of set times worked great for everyone! Also, the free t-shirts and dog tags were a huge hit!

4) The OVA events calendar is in paper form in the OVA office. The next big event will be the Golf
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looking to host a Memorial Weekend BBQ to fundraise for the Orlando Williams Center.