Georgia Southern University  
Military Task Force Meeting  

November 17, 2011  
4:00 p.m.  
President’s Conference Room  

Attendance: Wayne Akins, Amy Ballagh, Tony Bretti, Jodi Caldwell, Chris Caplinger, Chambers, Sharonica Daniels, Bret Danilowicz, Robert Fernekes, Allison Gorman, Brooks Keel, Christine Ludowise, David Matthews, Ted Moore, Connie Murphy, Betsy Nolen, and Kelly Pye  

President’s Charge  
Dr. Keel gave the charge to the task force. The military and veterans support task force will serve as a bridge for military facilities. The office will address military needs. Drs. Bretti and Ballaugh will coordinate the task force. The task force speaks to the heart and soul of the university.  

Dr. Ted Moore said, Deputy Peggy Collins met with ROTC.  

Dr. Tony Bretti said that his position will serve as a facilitator for the task force. The task force will be divided into small committees. He thanked Dr. Amy Ballagh and Dr. Christine Ludowise for the work they have completed.  

- Within the individual departments there are some small problems that can be fixed, and they are being worked on the system level  
- The Military Resource Center, lounge, and computer lab is set up and the grand opening will be in January. Also, a military advisor/counselor has been hired and his name is Stephen Martell. He will be working four hours a day. The Military Resource Center hours of operation will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
- The computer lab will house eight computers. Also, the printer and paper will be paid for out the student technology fees  
- The Department of University Housing provided the center with furniture, pictures, and two refrigerators  
- The center has a flat screen television that was paid for by the student technology fees  
- Dr. Moore purchased the military flags for the center  
- The museum will do the banner for the center  
- There will be signage through the Nessmith Lane Conference Center directing military students to the center  
- The university currently has 300 military personnel and 325 spouses on campus  
- Suggested that the task force review all materials that, but especially that were MET and NOT MET per BOR requirements  
- Review Christine Ludowise’s memo and copy of email form Carol Megathlin  
- Kelly Pye was introduced as the Special Projects Coordinator for Soldiers 2 Scholars Program  
- Kelly has been in contact with General Huggins in Afghanistan and he is in charge of the 82nd Airborne (15,000 troops)
• The GSU advisors can speak with the military bases educational center advisors at their centers
• GSU will host the next Soldiers 2 Scholars Meeting on January 18, 2012
• The MOU for tuition assistance is due by January 1, 2012 and the DOD (Department of Defense) is requiring it. Financial Aid is working on this
• Very important venture that GSU is taking

Dr. Moore asked, “How will military personnel know that there is a resource center?” Dr. Bretti responded, “Christian Flatham is working on the Soldier 2 Scholar webpage, information will be given out at SOAR sessions, and FYE will have classes for veterans active duty and veterans. Also, there will be plenty marketing and word of mouth.”

Wayne Akins asked, has our veterans been identified?

Dr. Caplinger asked, do we know who all our veterans are?

Dr. Ballagh responded, No, we do not but we need to make it our first priority.

Betsy Nolen said that her office will assist with the digital signage on campus.

Dr. Bretti suggested, that a committee be set up to discuss this.

Dr. Ludowise said, she is glad we are working together across campus and we are coming out of our silo.

Dr. Moore said, in regards to Carol Megathlin that she also works with Angel Flights. She is also a writer that he just met by happenstance.

Dr. Danilowicz said, he would like to work with the advisement side of things, but that would need to start before January.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:45 p.m.