

ARTS & SCIENCES COUNCIL
OFFICER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT 2013

COMMITTEE CHARGE

To oversee the ROTC Programs, with special focus on nominating their new faculty appointments to the Dean of Faculty.

MEETINGS

We meet routinely to interview and evaluate the credentials of candidates for positions on the ROTC faculty. These meetings occur whenever such a position is open. ROTC appointments normally last no longer than three years, so there is plenty of churning across the four ROTC units. This past year our most important appointments involved extending the tenure of the chair of Naval Science, Captain Wright, for an extra year, and appointing new chairs of the Air Force and Marine Units, Lt Colonels Michael Martinez and Mark Shellabarger, respectively, to replace their predecessors.

BASIC ACTIVITIES

In addition to the foregoing actions, the OEC chair has reviewed the teaching programs of the four units. Although all this information is openly available on the Internet, the Naval ROTC Program is being forwarded to the ASC Executive Committee in a paper copy for its convenience. In their essential framework, the academic requirements of the four units are virtually identical, and so the Naval Program can reliably represent the others. The OEC chair finds nothing amiss in any of the programs.

CHALLENGES

In last year's report, we noted that our ROTC Programs periodically need vigilant and judicious action to address changes in the wider political and cultural environment, as (for example) regarding the inclusion of women and gays in the military. This year, the (in)famous sequester of military funding has proved the main challenge to ROTC Programs nation-wide. Our Duke Programs appear to be addressing the problem successfully.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

To maintain a successful handling of our Committee obligations.

CORRECTIONS NEEDED:

Please add the name of Professor Joseph Nadeau (Pratt: Civil Engineering) to the official Committee Membership. He has served with us for a good number of years now, and we are especially pleased to have his presence when, as often happens, some other faculty member(s) must miss a meeting.

Also, please change the word "wiser" to "wider" in last year's report (under "Challenges").