

MEMO: To the Academic Council Executive Committee
FROM: Victor Strandberg, Chair, Officer Education Committee
ABOUT: Actions of the OEC, July 1, 2016-May 24, 2017

During the 2016-2017 academic year, the membership of the OEC consisted of six civilian faculty and the four commanders of the ROTC units. The six civilians were, in addition to myself, Professors Michael Gustafson, Joseph Nadeau, Owen Astrachan, and Peter Feaver, along with Dean Milton Blackmon. The unit commanders were Captain Stephen Gillespie (Navy), Major Joseph Steinfels (Marines), Colonel Keirya Langkamp (Army), and Colonel Jesse Hunt (Air Force).

The chief function of the OEC is to nominate candidates for the ROTC faculties to the Dean of Faculty, who—if our nominations are acceptable—makes the official appointments. (Thus far, no committee nomination has ever been rejected.) We typically meet with the candidates after scanning their dossiers, and after these personal interviews we form our judgment. (Sometimes military contingencies require long-distance interviews, but we try to make them on campus if possible.) Since July 1, 2016, we have nominated the following individuals to the ROTC faculties:

Lieutenant Andrea Callies, Visiting Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies: June 1, 2017-June 1, 2020.

Lieutenant Christopher Thumen, Visiting Assistant Prof. of Naval Science: August 15, 2016-Aug. 15, 2019

Lieutenant Karl Meyer, Visiting Assistant Professor of Naval Science: February 1, 2017-June 30, 2019

Captain Thomas Bazemore, Visiting Assistant Professor of Military Science, August 1, 2017-May 31, 2018

Major Rochelle Macon, Professor and Chair of Military Science: May 31, 2017-May 31, 2020

Captain Marc Stern, Professor and Chair of Naval Science: June 1, 2017-June 1, 2020

Before this academic year is over, we anticipate one more interview, with Captain Thomas Payne, a candidate for Visiting Assistant Professor of Military Science (for nine months, after which he will teach classes at the West Point Military Academy). The usual term of ROTC faculty is three years, which causes a steady turnover of personnel—as the above accounting indicates.

The other activities of the OEC include observation of some ceremonial occasions and a (light-handed) overview of the ROTC Programs to make sure things are going smoothly and appropriately. During the past year, no problems or concerns have emerged requiring action by the OEC or the attention of the Academic Council. The Officer Education Committee therefore has nothing further to report at this time.

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