

Provost Council
Oct. 19, 2011
2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
MB 3.106 Regents' Room

AGENDA

UTSA Partnership with Military

Dr. Ricardo Romo and Bob McKinley, Assistant VP for the UTSA Economic Development Center led a discussion on the current relationship/collaboration with the military and ways to increase those collaborations. Jim Massaro, Assistant VP for Research Development provided a brief overview of the current state of UTSA's relationship which is five-fold and includes research, education, veteran support, ROTC and economic development. Jim mentioned that UTSA/VPR has been very successful in developing collaborations and partnerships with the Department of Defense and other federal government organizations which have led to earmark funding and grants to the UTSA Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security, Center of Excellence in Infection Genomics which is a subsidiary of the South Texas Center for Emerging Infectious Diseases. The key to continued partnership and collaborations is in identifying areas of interest between our faculty and the military.

Another area that could increase UTSA's partnership with the military is developing courses/degrees that align with the military's needs such as a certificate or degree in construction of Mega data centers or a degree in intelligence analysis. However, the development of degrees/certificates must receive support of faculty. Dr. Frederick mentioned that the addition of the BA in Multidisciplinary Studies should assist military personnel and veterans an opportunity to complete their degrees. He suggested that the new program director, Dr. Gabriel Acevedo should be involved in any future discussions. Further discussion focused on the current success with the Army and Air Force ROTC programs and support that is provided to military personnel and veterans. There was discussion as to whether or not it would be worthwhile to pursue a Navy ROTC program. The constraints for adding this program include space, funding and scholarships. It was suggested that a task force should be set up and include representatives from research, business affairs and colleges.

Dr. Romo and Bob McKinley led the discussion on economic development and mentioned that UTSA could be a bridge between the City of San Antonio and the military. He gave examples of cyber security, health and energy research areas which are already established at UTSA. Les Shepherd has been asked to speak on energy related issues and the new Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology should position UTSA to collaborate on post-traumatic stress disorder and other trauma illnesses faced by military personnel.

4 Year Graduate Rate Plan

Sandy Welch updated the Provost Council regarding the 4 year graduation improvement rate plan that we are developing and need to submit to UT System/Regents in December. She mentioned that a group of faculty and staff have been developing the plan which includes undergraduate student access and success and identifying barriers that prevent students from graduating in 4 years and coming up with solutions so that our students are successful. Because this is time-sensitive, Dr. Frederick apologized that the draft has not been widely circulated. He also stated that this plan is tied to any requests UTSA will make in the future with regards to increasing tuition and fees.

True Colors

Gage Paine, Vice President for Student Affairs spent the remaining time facilitating the True Colors program. True Colors is similar to the Myers-Briggs personality test and Dr. Frederick believed that the Provost Council would find this exercise interesting.

The next Provost's Council meeting is scheduled for Wed., Nov. 16th at 3:00.