University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

ROTC Students are currently earning topical minors in Military Leadership. The stated need for this minor is to provide ROTC students with a formal, transcripted title associated with completing existing coursework taught by existing faculty. This proposal should speed time to degree for ROTC students with a rigorous minor program in military leadership and will reduce the need for topical minors within the College of Arts and Sciences.

Points Discussed by Committee:

This minor is limited to students that have contracted with ROTC as Junior and Seniors (contracting requires guaranteed service in the military in exchange for scholarship support)

The program is a well-designed, 24-credit, interdisciplinary minor. The minor will help the 4-year graduation rate of students pursuing military leadership by structuring their coursework. This minor has support from C&J, Geog/Anth, Hist, and M&M. The leadership focus of this proposed minor aligns with both AAC&U liberal education learning outcomes, and the COB Learning Goals.

The students take three hours of classroom, two hour of lab, and three hours of physical training a week for three credits a semester. In addition, students taking the MSL 300 level courses, plan and execute our entire lab and physical training event.

The College of Business does not offer topical minors, although the ROTC program is housed in the Department of Management & Marketing. Students currently piece together a topical minor in Military Leadership through the College of Arts and Science by taking existing Military Science and Leadership (MSL) courses and selected other courses such as those proposed in the Military Leadership minor proposal.

The inclusion of GEOG 336 covering geospatial technology provides focus on the ability of leaders to understand and utilize technology.

All students are required to take one of the military history courses (HIST 376, 377, or 384) taught by Dr. Selika Ducksworth Lawton, who is certified to teach ROTC courses. These courses are offered each spring.

Projected enrollment in the program is for 10 a year over the next two to three years (current enrollment is at five). CVTC students can attend the UWEC MSL 100 and MSL 200 courses, thereby increasing the likelihood that they transfer into UWEC vs another university.

The C&J faculty support the waiver of the “Minimum junior standing” prerequisite for CJ 407. The M&M chair will evaluate the requests for waivers for prerequisites for MGMT 340 on a case-by-case basis, as is the process for any student from any program trying to get into MGMT 340.
**Pros of Recommendation:**

Allows contracted ROTC students to use required military leadership courses toward a minor focused on leadership.

A formalized Military Leadership minor would reduce the time and workload required of faculty to create topical minors for students—an unpaid overload in most cases.

**Cons of Recommendation:**

None

**Technology/Human Resource Impact:**

None

**Committee Recommendation:**

Establish a multidisciplinary minor: Minor, Military Leadership (code XXX-XXX) to be housed in the Department of Management and Marketing and with History, Geography and Anthropology and the Department of Communication and Journalism.

**MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE**

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by a vote of 9 for to 0 against on February 22, 2017 (Date)

Recommends that:

Establish a multidisciplinary minor: Minor, Military Leadership (code XXX-XXX) to be housed in the Department of Management and Marketing and with History, Geography and Anthropology and the Department of Communication and Journalism.

Implementation Date: 17/18 catalog

Signed: ______________________________________

Chair of the Committee

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