

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**Senate ROTC Committee**  
**Report of Activities**  
**2008-2009 Academic Year**

Submitted: 22 January 2009; Reported: 5 February 2009

**Membership:**

Chair: Thad Rosenberger, Assistant Professor of Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics

Members: Albert Berger, Associate Professor of History  
Richard Fiordo, Professor of Communication  
Eric Murphy, Associate Professor of Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics  
Donna Pearson, Assistant Professor of Teaching and Learning  
Amebu Seddoh, Associate Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Haylee Cripe, Student Senate Representative  
Sean Crawford, Student Senate Representative

ROTC Cadre: Lt. Col. James Sickinger, Army ROTC  
Lt. Col. Anthony Williams, Air Force ROTC

Meetings: 22 February 2008  
14 March 2008  
12 May 2008  
17 October 2008  
20 November 2008  
19 December 2008

**Major Accomplishments:**

1. **Curriculum Review:** In conjunction with the function and responsibilities of the University Senate ROTC committee an evaluation and review of the Army and Air Force ROTC curriculum was performed between February and October 2008. This review was based on courses offered in each of the individual programs and was accomplished by reviewing the Army ROTC program followed by the Air Force ROTC program. All reviewed courses are listed below the programs for which they are offered. Our review was based on US Army and Air Force ROTC requirements, external assessment procedures, course content, credits hours, and the inclusion of University hallmarks in all course syllabi describing disability, integrity/honor, and grievance policies. The ROTC program uses multi local and national ROTC competitions as a means of assessing their program. Some of these include: Ranger challenge Sandhurst, as well as other military training programs including the completion of extramural military training programs. A complete list of these assessment programs are on file in the Army ROTC office. **The Air force ROTC curriculum was approved by unanimous decision on 12 May 2008 and the Army ROTC curriculum was approved by unanimous decision on 17 October 2008.**

**Army ROTC courses:** MSci 101 (2cr), MSci 101L (1cr), PEXS 101 (1cr), MSci 102 (2cr), MSci 102L (1cr), PEXS 102 (1cr), MSci 201 (2cr), MSci 201L (1cr), MSci 241 (1cr), MSci 202 (2cr), MSci 202L (1cr), MSci 242 (1cr), MSci 301 (3cr), MSci 301L (1cr), MSci 341 (1cr), MSci 302 (3cr), MSci 302L (1cr), MSci 342 (1cr), MSci 401 (3cr), MSci 401L (1cr), MSci 441 (1cr), MSci 402 (3cr), MSci 402L (1cr), MSci 442 (1cr).

**Air Force ROTC courses:** General Military Courses AS 111 (1cr), AS112 (1cr), AS 211 (1cr), AS 212 (1cr), AS 210 (1cr), Professional Officer Courses AS 321 (3cr), AS 322 (3cr), AS 441 (3cr), AS 442 (3cr)

2. **Evaluation of New Cadre:** The committee evaluated a number of new cadre (instructors) for both the Army and Air Force ROTC programs. The evaluations were based on individual biosketches or curriculum vitae (when available), military service record, and their individual roles within the program and in course instruction. These cadre members are listed below by their program affiliation and the dates of committee review. **All Cadres were approved unanimously by the committee.**

Army ROTC Program:

MAJ Robert Fugere (22 February 2008)  
MAJ Joe Holman (22 February 2008)  
SFC Stephen Pittman (22 February 2008)  
MAJ Darron Tolan (22 February 2008)  
1<sup>st</sup> LT. Scott Reed (17 October 2008)

Air Force ROTC Program:

LTC Tony Williams (22 February 2008)  
CAPT Andrea Lamoreaux (22 February 2008)  
CAPT Micheal J. Blake (17 October 2008)

3. **Training Facilities:** An ongoing problem with our ROTC programs have been gaining access to training facilities that are appropriate for physical training and assessment of the our cadets. In the last year the programs have been using the Hyslop gymnasium to perform these functions. However, this facility is not ideal in that the running course is difficult to maneuver and has resulted in injuries. During this year the committee has approached both the Ralph Engelstad Arena and the Alerus Center for permission to perform physical training. As a result, the Army ROTC and the Ralph Engelstad Arena signed a Letter of Agreement to allow the Army ROTC to use the 3rd Floor Mezzanine to conduct physical training three days a week from 0530-0700. In return for using the facility, the Army ROTC agreed to conduct three “set-ups” and “tear-downs” or what the Ralph refers to as a “conversion” for sponsored events. The Air Force ROTC decided to not sign the Letter of Agreement because they didn't want to conduct the conversions. This agreement was initiated and put in place based on the efforts of Ltc. James Sickinger and Haylee Cripe with the assistance of Judy Hodgson and Chris Semrau of the Ralph Engelstad Arena.

The Air Force ROTC led the way in coordinating with the Alerus Center to allow both units to use the facility one day a week (Thursday morning). The Army will use the facility from 0550-0700 and the Air Force will use it from 0700-0800. The Alerus center asks nothing in return for using the facility. This agreement was completed with the assistance of Ltc. Anthony Williams and Dr. Weisenstein with the help of those coordinating official representing the Alerus center.

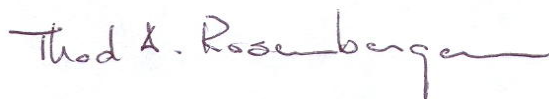
The agreements made with these two facilities will be a great benefit to the ROTC programs and the committee would like to thanks all of those involved in bringing this problem to a conclusion. The specific agreements with the individual facilities are on record in both the Army and Air Force ROTC offices.

4. **ROTC Web Site:** In conjunction with the function and responsibilities of the University Senate ROTC committee, an active web site detailing the committees responsibilities, current membership, meeting agendas, committee approved minutes, and yearly reports has been established on the University of North Dakota Office of the Registrar web site. This information can be found at the following URL (<http://www.und.edu/dept/registrar/senate/rotc/rotcindex.html>). The information on the web site will be kept up-to-date by the ROTC committee chairperson with the assistance of Kayla Hotvedt at the University Registrars office. The committee would like to thank Kayla Hotvedt for her assistance in establishing the web site and assisting with its maintenance.

5. **ROTC reporting Structure to the University:** In a brief given by Dr. Weisenstein to the committee on 20 November 2008, the president of the University has reassigned the reporting structure of the ROTC programs to the president's office. The newly implemented reporting structure requires that the ROTC program report directly to Dr. Dennis Elbert (Dean, College of Business and Public Administration) who reports to Dr. Greg Weisenstein (Vice President for Academic Affairs) who in turn reports to President Kelley. Dr. Elbert will work with the committee and the President's office to aid in assigning a person to serve on the ROTC committee as the "Presidential Designee" and will be actively involved in future ROTC committee proceedings.
  
6. **University Assistance on Recruiting:** An ongoing problem with the University of North Dakota ROTC programs has been an inability to competitively recruit ROTC-sponsored students into Engineering, Nursing, Basic Medical Sciences, and Criminal Justice degree offering programs. This is due mainly to the program being underfunded by the University. The Army ROTC program currently receives \$10,200 to bolster recruiting of sponsored students, while the Air Force ROTC program receives \$0. In an effort to increase University support of our ROTC programs, Ltc's Sickinger and Williams has requested an increase in University grant assistance from \$10,200 to \$65,000 per year to offset the first year room and board cost for new recruits receiving ROTC scholarships. This request was sent to the President's office in response to the recent invitation for resource proposals. If funded, the increase in University grant assistance will allow the Army ROTC and the Air Force ROTC programs to competitively offer 10 and 3 partial room and board assistance grants to incoming ROTC-sponsored students at a rate of \$5,000 per year, respectively.

At this time, the funding issue remains unresolved and continues to place the recruiting efforts of our ROTC program at a disadvantage to other competing ROTC programs. A copy of the proposal sent to the president's office is on file and can be obtained by contacting either the Army or Air Force ROTC offices.

Respectively submitted,



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Chair, Senate ROTC committee