

Present: Charles Heidelberg, Marty Adams, Denise Lindsley, Trice Batson, Lisa Peet, Delia Baker, Ezra Bell and Robyn Schieber

Veteran Support Committee Agenda 4-5-22

1. Update on Veterans Garden discuss plans for moving forward and suggestions for facilities

Suggestions for the wall is for Lind signs spring mounted with all the veterans names we have from supporters. Two colors only due to cost. Marketing will work with a design to send for the sign. Cost approximately - \$1500 - \$1700. 3- 4 colors is suggested. Also try to add the branch service emblems.

Can we do an additional fund raiser in the future?

Marty suggested the sign center as an alternative to make a sign.

Charles will take the ideas back to Nathan and have marketing do a few samples for the committee to review.

2. Student attendance in lounge

Attendance in the lounge is down 2 -4 a week. Prior to COVID we had at least 10 - 20 veterans. We currently have about 251 veterans registered. This includes dependents, National Guard, veterans using GI benefits.

Veteran students will need to take at least 1 in person class starting in the fall.

Ezra suggested collaborating on a Cook-out to engage students and inform the return to campus activities.

Showcase the veteran lounge and veteran garden tours. Have different services at the event. Financial Aid, Enrollment Services, Academic Advising, Learning Center, etc...

Inform students of the changes to the GI bill, and what to expect on campus. Have a giveaway. Other suggestions to bring back the veteran orientation.

Spouses and children of veterans are eligible for GI benefits for college tuition; this depends on the veteran's length of service. Post 911 GI bill.

Bring back Buddy to Buddy. Charles is now an official MVAA mentor. SVA committee chapter back.

3. Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency Veteran Friendly Campus application 2022-23

We have until July 1st to apply for the MVAA Veteran Friendly Campus certification.

Charles will send the committee information about suicide training.

