

Present: Marty Adams, Russ Panico, Denise Lindsley, Robyn Schieber, Charles Heidelberg
Veteran Support Committee 05/24/2023

1. VA Workstudy, Past and Present
 - a. Heather Austin did a wonderful job maintaining the Veterans Lounge during her VA Workstudy in Winter 2023. She may not be available for Fall 2023 and members were encouraged to provide Charles with names of student veterans (and student veteran dependents) that he could approach for a position in the veterans lounge

2. Veterans Day Planning - Flag Raising, petting zoo, Student Veteran Roundtable
 - a. Marty brainstormed ideas for where to get veterans for the petting zoo: Kalamazoo Veteran Service Office, VFW, Don Jarzambek
 - b. Robyn suggested including the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy in the day's activities, either the flag raising or the petting zoo.
 - c. Committee was asked if it was appropriate to ask spouses of veterans to be part of the petting zoo. The general consensus was that they would make a nice addition to the event.
 - d. Committee members were shown a "save-the-date" flyer prepared by marketing to be sent to schools inviting them to our Texas Township Campus on Nov 10, 2023 .

3. Part-Time Faculty onboarding initiative
 - a. Committee was shown the Student Veterans module for this initiative
 - b. Discussed KVCC's designation as an MVAA "Veteran Connector" and staff access to Psycharmor.org.

4. Veteran Friendly Campus application update
 - a. Application due date is July 14. IR is working on the demographics for the application.
 - b. One area of the application that we are not qualifying in is Student Veteran Organization. Since Covid KVCC students have not show enthusiasm for the Student Veterans of America.

5. MVAA September schools conference 27-29 September

6. Time to Revisit this committee membership (recruit members during fall summit)
 - a. Committee would like to invite Larry Sandt to join us.
 - b. Robyn suggested Recruiting members at the Fall Summit

7. Need to follow up for Status of a Veterans Wall with Facilities
 - a. It is felt that the front office has not been forthcoming in why restoration of this garden was postponed, and seemingly canceled

- b. Charles was asked to approach Dannie Alexander and ask for an update and to reiterate that the wall was funded by faculty, staff, and students and there should be something to replace the wall that came down.