

(Committed to Educational Policy Committee, 11/12/2007)

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Carol Lawton, Chair, Curriculum Review Subcommittee

DATE: October 26, 2007

SUBJECT: Proposal for Minor in Military Science

The Curriculum Review Subcommittee has reviewed the proposal for the Minor in Military Science. We voted 7-3 against this proposal and find that further review is required by the Senate. We recommend that this document be committed to the Educational Policy Committee for further review.

The primary reason that the majority of committee members voted against this proposal is that certain IPFW constituencies would be prohibited from completing the Minor due to military policy governing upper level courses in this program. We also find that it is already possible to meet the basic goals of the Minor by enrolling in ROTC courses on this campus. Further, we find that additional IPFW resources would be necessary to provide alternative ways for discriminated constituencies to complete the Minor. The details of our findings are presented below.

1. The courses that constitute the proposed Minor in Military Science follow the curriculum of the Army ROTC. All IPFW students are eligible to take the basic 100 and 200 level courses, but only those students who sign a contract that incurs a military service obligation can enroll in the 300 and 400 level courses. Students in the 300 and 400 level courses must abide by the military's "Don't ask, don't tell" policy; as such, students who state that they are homosexual or bisexual or who engage in homosexual conduct are prohibited from taking these courses or could face dismissal from these courses if already enrolled. Military policy also prohibits students over age 32, students with disabilities, and students with medical conditions such as asthma from taking the 300 and 400 level courses because they would not be eligible to serve in the military. These policies are in direct conflict with IPFW statements on diversity.

2. According to the rationale stated in the proposal, a Minor in Military Science would allow students to “learn first-hand what it takes to lead others, motivate groups and how to conduct missions as an Officer in the Army” and a student graduating with the Minor “will be commissioned as an officer in the United States Army.” However, these goals can be met by taking the Military Science courses already offered on this campus by ROTC instructors and approved for credit toward graduation at IPFW. The presence of a Minor in Military Science is not necessary for the continuation of the ROTC program at IPFW. Further, the awarding of an academic minor in Military Science does not appear to confer any additional benefit to students who complete the ROTC courses and thereby earn commissions in the Army, nor does the absence of an academic minor in Military Science appear to confer any disadvantage for these students in their future military careers.

3. The Department of Defense prohibits non-ROTC students even from auditing 300 and 400 level classes taught by ROTC instructors. If the Minor in Military Science were to be open to all IPFW constituencies, IPFW would need to allocate funding for additional faculty not affiliated with ROTC to teach 300 and 400 level Military Science courses that would be open to non-ROTC students.

In conclusion, we find that the benefit of having the Minor as part of IPFW’s curriculum does not outweigh its potential for discrimination against certain IPFW constituencies and that significant expense would be incurred by IPFW to make the Minor open to all constituencies.

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IPFW

Request for a New Minor

Proposed Title of Minor: **Military Science**

Department Offering the Minor: **College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science**

Projected Date of Implementation: **Spring 2007**

I. Why is this minor needed? (Rationale)

Military Science/Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) is one of the best leadership courses in the country and this minor can be taken as a part of any BS program at IPFW. During classes and field training, Military Science students will learn first-hand what it takes to lead others, motivate groups and how to conduct missions as an Officer in the Army. Upon graduation from IPFW with a minor in Military Science, the graduate will be commissioned as an officer in the United States Army and may serve in the Active Army, Indiana Army National Guard, or the United States Army Reserve.

II. List the major topics and curriculum of the minor.

Leadership, map reading, land navigation, survival skills, written and oral communication skills, military tactics, team development, management, physical fitness, officership, military history, counseling, organization of the Department of Defense.

III. What are the admission requirements?

Academically aligned Freshmen and Sophomores may enroll in the Military Science 100 and 200 level classes without incurring any military service obligation. Scholarship opportunities exist for Freshmen and Sophomores but they will incur a military service obligation in exchange for scholarship benefits. Military Science 300 and 400 level classes may only be taken by academically aligned Juniors, Seniors, or Graduate Students that have been accepted into the upper division program. Students in the 300 and 400 level classes have signed a contract to receive scholarships or other tuition assistance and will incur a military service obligation. Those students that fulfill contracting obligations will be awarded a minor in Military Science.

IV. Describe student population to be served.

All IPFW students will be served by providing an opportunity to take Military Science classes and those meeting contracting criteria may be offered an opportunity to complete the minor and receive a Commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army.

V. How does this minor complement the campus or departmental mission?

Enabling IPFW students to take Military Science classes and possibly earn a commission in the Army provides an option that serves the needs of northeast Indiana which is home to the Indiana Army National Guard, 293rd Infantry Battalion and other United States Army Reserve units. Many times, students who could not attend college due to the financial burden, are given the opportunity to attend college due to the tuition assistance from the Indiana Army National Guard or the Federal Government. The nearest site that offers this program is Ball State University, which poses a hardship for IPFW students who desire to participate in this program.

VI. Describe any relationship to existing programs within the university.

This minor can be taken with any existing program. It is anticipated that courses will be taught by Army officers here at IPFW.

VII. List and indicate the resources required to implement the proposed minor. Indicate sources (e.g., reallocations or any new resources such as personnel, library holdings, equipment, etc.).

The United States Army or the Indiana Army National Guard will provide cadre in an Adjunct Faculty status to teach and manage the Military Science classes taught at IPFW. The

United States Army will pay all benefits and allowances to the Cadre with no expense to IPFW. Offices for the Cadre are stationed at IPFW and classroom and physical training facilities are required. No additional library resources will be required.

VIII. Describe any innovative features of the program (e.g., involvement with local or regional agencies, or offices, cooperative efforts with other institutions, etc.).

This program will establish an educational partnership with Ball State University Department of Military Science which will provide administrative oversight to the IPFW Military Science program. Local high schools and military units will be poised to provide additional students with the opportunity to attend IPFW who, otherwise, would have been forced to attend another university in the state that offered the Military Science minor. Two, three, and four year scholarships are available.

Curriculum for Minor in Military Science/ Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC)

Course Number and Title	Credits
MSL 101 Foundations of Officership	1
MSL 102 Basic Leadership	1
MSL 201 Individual Leadership Studies	2
MSL 202 Leadership and Teamwork	2
MSL 301 Leadership and Problem Solving	3
MSL 302 Leadership and Ethics	3
MSL 401 Leadership and Management	3
MSL 402 Officership	3
MSL 490 Military History	
Or other approved Military History Course	<u>3</u>