OFFICER EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Year End Report
1983-84 Academic Year

The Officer Education Committee (OEC) functions as the Executive Committee for the Department of Military Science. The OEC works with the Department and the Professor of Military Science (PMS) in the areas of Curriculum, Budget, faculty selection/evaluation, and administration. In the performance of these duties, the OEC and the PMS met monthly during the 1983-84 Academic year. In addition, the Chair of the OEC and the PMS met on a frequent but unscheduled basis of approximately once or more weekly during the academic year.

During the 1983-84 academic year, there were 126 undergraduate students enrolled in the Department of Military Science. Eleven students were on ROTC scholarships and seventy-two were advanced students also receiving financial aid. The total financial aid was over $90,000.00 to these UWM students, during the 1983-84 academic year. Fifteen students were commissioned Second Lieutenants, during the 1983-1984 academic year. Of those fifteen, ten are now officers in their local National Guard or Army Reserve units and five are on active Federal Service.

Curriculum

The professional military education component of the development of an Army officer consists of two essential parts, a baccalaureate degree with at least one undergraduate course in each of the following areas: written communication skills, human behavior, management, national security, and military history. The OEC worked with the Military Science Department in reviewing University course offerings in these disciplines and developed a list of interdisciplinary courses which meet the requirements. The curriculums of the Military Science students are reviewed by the Department and the students are counseled and assisted in meeting standards. The OEC acts as an interface insuring that both the University matriculation and Military Science requirements are being met by students in a responsible and timely sequence.

To assist the Military Science students in meeting the requirements for military history, the OEC worked with the History Department and the L&S Course & Curriculum Committee to establish joint listing of the History 457 course. By so doing, students meet their professional military education requirements and their Military Science Department requirement at the same time. Dr. Healy, Professor of History, is the instructor for the course and Professor MacDonald, the PMS, assists as a guest lecturer on military tactics.

A First Aid and CPR course was also developed as a cross listed course with the Human Kinetics Department. In addition, Military Science Faculty taught Physical Conditioning and Riflery in the Department of Human Kinetics. Finally, the OEC and the Department reviewed and updated existing Military Science courses. This review resulted in three major course revisions approved by L&S Course and Curriculum Committee, during the 1983-84 academic year.

The OEC facilitated additional university wide faculty and administration exposure to military science activities by sponsoring visits to observe UWM
students during off campus training. Seven faculty visited Ft. McCoy in April and Asst. Chancellor Mueller visited advanced Summer Training at Ft. Lewis, WA.

Budget

The OEC assisted the Department in developing its submission for the College of Letters & Science 5 year plan. The budget and personnel requirements were reviewed and approved for submission. The College of Letters and Science essentially funded the Department at previous levels. The committee noted that the continued reduction in secretarial support for the Department was noted as a recurring problem area.

Faculty

The Committee reviewed the Curriculum Vita of Captain Kip Mendini who was nominated by the Army to be a member of the Military Science Department faculty. After deliberation the OEC recommended to the Chancellor that CPT Mendini be appointed. CPT Mendini is a 1974 graduate of UWM from the College of Letters & Science with a major in History. He is the primary instructor for the sophomore class in the Military Science Department.

CPT Tom Jenks completed his three year teaching assignment. CPT Jenks is now assigned as a contractors representative for McDonnell Douglas Corp., Huntington Beach, CA. He received the Army Commendation Medal for performance of his duties with UWM and has also been selected for promotion to Major. Of the six officer faculty during 83-84, three held Masters Degrees. Two officers were enrolled in graduate degree programs, and one officer pursued Post-Masters graduate courses.

The Department coordinated the attendance of Dr. William Renzi, Assoc. Prof. of History to the United States Military Academy’s 5 week Military History workshop.

Administration

OEC members were part of seven Army ROTC Scholarship Boards. Two UWM students received scholarships: Luther Papenfus, College of Engineering, and John Wayte, School of Social Welfare.

The Military Science Department was visited twice during the academic year by COL William McCluskey, the area commander for ROTC in Wisconsin. COL McCluskey is from the Second U.S. Army ROTC Region Headquarters at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Members of the Committee met with COL McCluskey on both occasions and exchanged information on matters of mutual interest.

UWM/Military Science Significant Event

During December 1983 Paul R. Schwartz, a 1959 graduate of UWM, was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General. He thus becomes the first UWM ROTC graduate to attain General Officer Rank.

OEC Members

David Garnham, International Relations
Donald Lutz, Math
Melvin Miller, Communication
Herbert Black, Student
Janet Rudolf, Student
Clifford MacDonald, PMS
Mike Greenisen, Human Kinetics (Ex officio), chairman