Veterans Colleague Network Group

**October 19th, 2015 Meeting**

East Hill Office Building Room 140

12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

***Agenda***

1. 12:00 to 12:15 - Opportunity to network and enjoy lunch
2. Air Force ROTC Commander David Schrader - is coming to discuss the Tri-Service Military Ball that ROTC has every year. The next Ball is scheduled on Feb. 19th 2016.
3. Business:
   1. 2015-2016 Current initiatives/confirm subcommittee membership:
      * Veteran Mentoring –
      * Dedicated Veteran Representative –
      * Communication Planning –
      * New initiatives: veteran alumni association, engage at reunion weekends, see if we can get this information through Bill Hulling and see how we can help support this initiative. Engage ROTC, Cadre, etc. Explore Class of ’55 veteran movie.
   2. Survey Results –
      1. **ACTION: At the next Campus Veterans Working Group meeting on October 23rd 2015, suggest outreach events sponsored by different groups.**
      2. **ACTION: Joint Veterans Day Event – a rough proposal exists for an afternoon event in Barton Hall. To highlight the VCNGs five year anniversary, add in five minutes recapping the history of the VCNG and some of our accomplishments, group photo of membership.**
4. Update from Kevin Justian –

* definition of a protected veteran/ eligible dates for VTA scholarship grants ***(for future meeting)***

1. Recap -

* VCNG Executive Committee meeting with VP Mary Opperman
  + Review position description and vision statement.

1. Committee Updates -

* Community service/TeamRWB – Jase Baese
* Event Planning – Rick Roper
* Public Relations – Cassie Joseph

1. Proposed next meeting dates– 11/16, 12/21 (holiday gathering), rooms to be determined
2. Upcoming events and guest speakers -

* James Schmelling to present October 20, 2015, 9:00 to 10:30 Biotech G10 (diversity.cornell.edu, use diversity inclusiveness link)
* Potential guest speaker for November 2015: our local VA clinic manager, Cheryl Wyak. Steve Hedrick is going to tender an invitation on our behalf.
* Wednesday runs with Wellness, at the East Ithaca Rec Way at noon
* Veteran Day event at Ithaca College, more information to follow.
* Upcoming – Turkey Trot at Ithaca High School Thanksgiving Day, Thursday
* November 26, 2015 @ 9 AM
* Upcoming –Team RWB Ithaca, **It’s a Wonderful Run, Dec 12 in Seneca Falls.**