

February 22, 2012

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND FIRST AND SECOND YEAR ARMY ROTC CLASSES TAUGHT AT CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY FOR SIX CWRU CREDIT HOURS

WHEREAS, Article V, Section A, Par. 2. of the Constitution of the University Faculty states in relevant part that the Faculty Senate shall make recommendations to the president for consideration and transmittal to the Board of Trustees with respect to standards of curricula and content for all degree programs; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2012, the Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Education voted to approve the proposal, attached here as Exhibit A, to allow six credits of Army ROTC classes to be taught at Case Western Reserve University, increasing the total number of CWRU credit-hours awarded for completion of Army ROTC classes from six to twelve; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2012, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee voted that said proposal, attached here as Exhibit A, should be placed on the agenda for consideration by the Faculty Senate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Faculty Senate of Case Western Reserve University approves the proposal, attached here as Exhibit A, to allow six credits of Army ROTC classes to be taught on the CWRU campus, increasing the total number of CWRU credit-hours awarded for the completion of Army ROTC classes from six to twelve.



EXHIBIT A

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FSCUE CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE ON OFFERING ARMY ROTC COURSES AT CWRU

At its meeting on February 1, 2012, the FSCUE Curriculum Subcommittee reviewed a proposal from Army ROTC at John Carroll University to make Case Western Reserve University a partner institution. This change in status would require that CWRU offer the first- and second-year Army ROTC courses as CWRU courses recorded on the CWRU transcript for CWRU degree credit. With CWRU as an affiliate institution, our students currently cross-register for Army ROTC courses at JCU, and we award transfer credit only for the junior-year courses as MGMT T-200 for 3 credit-hours each semester; participation in ROTC also satisfies the CWRU physical education requirement.

The Subcommittee sees the opportunity to offer ROTC courses at CWRU as being good for our students, both in terms of convenience for those who currently commute to JCU at early morning hours and in terms of the financial benefits that it provides to others who may choose to participate. The Subcommittee reviewed the syllabi and course materials for the first- and second-year courses and agrees that it would be appropriate to offer these courses for CWRU degree credit. In addition, the Subcommittee recommends that these courses be offered under their own (perhaps Military Science) rubric, rather than trying to fit the courses into existing departmental rubrics. The Subcommittee sees these courses as being offered by a unit outside of the four UPF schools (like Physical Education) and governed collectively in terms of the review of course and program action forms. [The Subcommittee recognized that it might be appropriate to also move the current junior-year transfer credit from MGMT T-200 to this new unit, but that change can be considered later, as it is not central to the current proposal.]

The first-year program includes two one-credit-hour courses, one each semester, and the second-year program includes two two-credit-hour courses, one each semester, thereby increasing the total number of credit-hours to be awarded for participation in ROTC from six to twelve. The Subcommittee recognized that this is likely to require additional credit-hours beyond general education/core and major requirements for students pursuing engineering and nursing degrees, as these programs leave very little space for elective choices. In the College of Arts & Sciences, students pursuing the BA degree must take 90 credit-hours among the 120 required in CAS courses; and these ROTC courses would fall within the other 30. For WSOM students, these courses would fall among non-WSOM electives or general electives.