

ments regarding the recent action of the Board of Trustees with respect to Stanford Research Institute.

Respectfully submitted,
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TO: The Steering Committee of the Senate of the Academic Council

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SUBJECT: Proposal for the Revision of Army ROTC at Stanford

On February 13, 1969, the Senate adopted six of eight recommendations from the Majority Report of its ad hoc Committee on ROTC, and referred two other recommendations to a committee to be established subsequently. Recommendation Six stated that "University authorities should promptly initiate action leading to revision or termination of the contracts between Stanford and the armed forces . . ." On my instructions, Vice Provost Brooks began negotiations with the three services for revision of the contracts to bring ROTC as closely as possible into conformance with the recommendations of the Senate. At about the same time, I also appointed a President's Advisory Committee on ROTC Affairs in general accordance with Recommendation Six, the faculty members being recommended by the Senate Committee on Committees and the student members by the then ASSU President, Denis Hayes.

On October 22, 1969, the Professor of Military Science, Colonel Stanley M. Ramey, with the approval of the Department of the Army, submitted a proposal for revision of the Army ROTC contract, pursuant to Mr. Brooks' request. On October 30, I asked the President's Advisory Committee on ROTC Affairs for advice on the proposal.

The Committee has spent the past two months (Minutes are on file in the Academic Secretary's Office) considering the Army proposal. At the same time, the Air Force and the Navy have indicated that they would generally consider the fate of this proposal as setting a broad precedent for their own approaches to contract revision. In other words, if the Army proposal is acceptable to the University, we can expect the other two services to use it as a model for similar proposals.

I now have the Committee's recommendation; a copy is attached [see page 5]. The Committee, by a six-to-two vote, has recommended that I accept the Army proposal for revision of the ROTC contract with one or two minor changes, which have been made, and subject to obtaining the "advice and consent of the Senate on the proposal for the granting of academic credit on a course-by-course basis in accordance with the procedures and standards of the Committee on Undergraduate Studies."

In accordance with the Committee's recommendation, I therefore request that the Steering Committee place this question prominently on the Agenda of the Senate for its January 22, 1970 meeting. There is some urgency since the three services need to know whether or not they can enroll scholarship students in the coming Fall term.

I should state that I, personally, find the Army proposal reasonable and acceptable, and very close indeed to the recommendations adopted by the Senate on February 13, 1969. The Army has offered substantial concessions to the University and seems to me to have met virtually every requirement except on the matter of individual student contracts (see Senate Recommendations Four and Eight). Legislative remedy seems necessary, and I agree with the Army's judgment that the present congressional climate is definitely not propitious for an effort to secure such remedy.

The question of granting limited academic credit is the crux of the matter before us. The proposal submitted by the Army accepts as a starting position that there will be no blanket credit for military-taught courses of military training and education. But the proposal calls for the review of such courses "in accordance with normal University procedures and to grant appropriate academic credit toward graduation for those courses which meet established University standards." The President's Advisory Committee on ROTC Affairs has interpreted this to mean that selected proposals for selected courses would be submitted to the Committee on Undergraduate Studies, which has jurisdiction over non-departmental undergraduate courses, specifically Undergraduate Specials, and which has a regular procedure for reviewing course proposals. The Army is prepared to accept the Committee's judgment and let the issue of credit stand or fall on the Committee's decision on each course proposal.

In contrast with the present 27 quarter units of credit for military-taught courses in military training and education in the Army ROTC program, the Army proposes to submit to the Committee on Undergraduate Studies individual course proposals up to a combined total of six to nine quarter units.

In regard to other matters included in the recommendations adopted by the Senate on February 13, 1969, the Army proposal abolishes departmental status as well as faculty rank and Academic Council membership. The program is removed from the School of Humanities and Sciences and placed under the Provost's Office, thus ensuring adequate supervision. A Center for Military Studies is substituted for the present Department of Military Science, and the title "Director" is accorded the senior officer instead of "Professor." Other officers would be entitled Associate or Assistant Directors. The status of the military officers assigned to the Army ROTC unit would be the same as that of temporary members of the University Staff, which currently includes about 1,750 persons in addition to the Faculty. The perquisites of the University Staff include listing in the Faculty-Staff Directory, library privileges, reserved parking stickers, eligibility for consideration for Faculty Club membership, reduced ticket prices for athletic season tickets, and the like. They may attend regular meetings of the Academic Council without the privileges of the floor or of the vote.

This status is that normally conferred upon professional persons attached temporarily to the University. A group analogous to the military officers assigned to ROTC duty at Stanford might well be the members of the Stanford United Ministry who perform various campus services while basically employed by organizations or institutions other than the University; and from time to time give undergraduate special courses for credit. They too could be members of the University Staff.

It appears to me that this proposal is a reasonable one. Subject to Senate approval of the proposed credit mechanism, I intend to accept the Army proposal and put it into effect as rapidly as possible.

It is a matter of considerable University interest that a reasonable compromise between the military services and the academic community be reached. There are substantial numbers in the faculty and in the student body who wish to see ROTC continued in some form, with some degree of academic credit, in ways that do not do violence to academic standards. It seems to me that the Army proposal, which has been carefully and thoughtfully reviewed by the Advisory Committee on ROTC Affairs, meets the principal objections to the existing program and offers a reasonable prospect for the future. I strongly urge favorable Senate consideration.

Yours very sincerely,
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