Veterans Advisory Committee

Committee Charter/Purpose:
The Committee serves to address the need to coordinate the student services to better help military, veteran, and dependent students transition to college life at South Dakota Mines by ensuring that all military members, veterans, and their families receive the proper assistance and support. Specifically, the committee develops programs, creates academic support systems, reviews and refines workflow processes, and examine legislative laws and policies that are mandated for institutions of higher education to implement. The committee is the impetus in assisting the Veteran Resource Center in helping the University to be recognized as one of the nation’s top military-friendly school.

The mission of the South Dakota Mines Veterans Advisory Committee is to review and improve the way the University fulfills its commitment to serve the military, veteran, and dependent populations.

Committee Structure/Composition and Term:
The committee consists of:

- Veterans Resource Center Director
- VA Certifying Official
- Admissions Transfer Coordinator
- Disability Coordinator
- Veterans Club President
- Veteran Senator
- Veterans Club Faculty Advisor
- ROTC
- Veterans Upward Bound (Optional)

The committee shall be led by a Chair, who is permanently established as the Veteran’s Resource Center Director. Membership on the committee is not term based.

Committee Meeting Schedule:
The committee shall meet on a regular basis each semester and ad hoc as needed.

Committee Membership:

- Derek Flom (Chair, Veteran’s Resource Center Director)
- Mike Nau (Veterans Upward Bound Assistant Director)
- Hallie Vigil (VA Certifying Official)
- Cicily Strong (Transfer Coordinator)
- Amanda Lopez (Title IX and Disability Coordinator)
- Mike Frazer (Veteran’s Club President)
- Dawn Miller (Senior Accountant)
- Cody Marshall (Veteran Senator)
- Mark Bowron (Veteran’s Club Faculty Advisor)
- Chris Van Delist (ROTC)