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TO: Members of the Steering Committee of the Senate

FROM: H. Donald Winbigler, Academic Secretary to the University

SUBJECT: Log on ROTC at Stanford 1968 to 1973

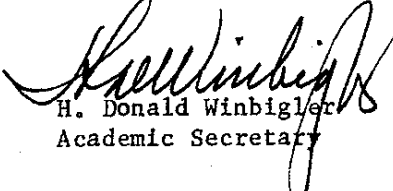
1. 5/14/68 Academic Council Executive Committee Chairman Arrow referred to C-UE Chairman Rhinelander the question of continuing to give academic credit for ROTC courses.
2. 9/1/68 Ten faculty members issued a Report (generally known as the Sneed-Kostelanetz Report) on ROTC at Stanford directed to the newly established Senate, expressing a growing dissatisfaction with military science programs at Stanford and proposing guidelines, including (a) no academic credit to be given for activities offered by Military Science Departments, (b) courses pertinent to military science to be offered for credit by regular departments subject to certain restrictions, (c) appointment to ROTC staff not to qualify for membership in the Academic Council, (d) military science activities be treated strictly as "voluntary student activities," (e) no recruitment for ROTC to be permitted by faculty or University representatives, and (f) these guidelines to be effective Autumn 1969, with a grandfather provision on the elimination of credit.  
Note: Since 1963 University policies and regulations had provided for "voluntary student organizations," based upon the assumption of certain responsibilities by the ASSU. By 1968 the ASSU had largely disclaimed these responsibilities, with the result that the term "voluntary organization" was losing any precise operational meaning.
3. 9/26/68 C-UE Chairman Rhinelander presented an Interim Report to the Senate indicating that the C-UE would not be able to complete a thorough-going study of the questions involved before Spring.
4. 9/26/68 The Senate adopted a sense-of-the-Senate resolution "that the ROTC program should be altered but that proper relations between the ROTC departments and Stanford may be established by review and reform of the present relations." It referred the matter to an ad hoc Committee to be appointed and to report no later than 1/15/69.
5. 10/17/68 The ad hoc Senate Committee was appointed, five Council members and four students, under the chairmanship of Professor Thomas J. Connolly.
6. 11/26/68 The StC extended the deadline for the Committee Report to 2/15/69.
7. 2/7/69 The ad hoc Committee issued a Report, including a Majority Report and a Minority Report, which was published as Campus Report Supplement Number 4, 2/11/69.

8. 2/13/69 The Senate, by a vote of 25 to 8, adopted six of eight majority recommendations which would (a) phase out by 1973 all academic credit for ROTC Programs and academic rank for military staff, (b) require the elimination of punitive clauses in ROTC contracts and (c) call for the establishment of a Committee to assist in the transition. In the same action, the Senate referred to this Committee the other two majority recommendations which, after the phase-out period, would have required all ROTC Programs to be conducted as "voluntary organizations" but which would allow Stanford students to accept properly fumigated ROTC scholarships.
9. 2/24/69 In a referendum Stanford students voted 2106 to 1387 that "ROTC has a legitimate place on the campus and deserves the support and credit from the University for all those parts of the program that are of genuine academic interest."
10. 2/28/69 Fifty-three members of the Academic Council filed a petition for a Council review of the Senate's decision of 2/13/69.
11. 3/20/69 The Academic Council, after debating the matter, ordered a referendum on the approval or disapproval of the Senate's action of 2/13/69.
12. 5/1/69 With 75.8% of the members of the Academic Council voting in the referendum, the Senate's action of 2/13/69 was approved by a vote of 403 to 356.
13. 6/6/69 The President appointed the Advisory Committee on ROTC Affairs, five Council members and three students, under the chairmanship of Professor Alan S. Manne.
14. Summer 69 The President's Office opened negotiations with the three services for the purpose of (a) removing ROTC credit by 1973, (b) removing faculty status for ROTC staff by 1973, and (c) eliminating punitive clauses from ROTC contracts. These negotiations continued for several months with the advice of the AC-ROTC.
15. 1/22/70 By a vote of 23 to 13, the Senate, on recommendation of the President and with the concurrence of six of the eight members of the AC-ROTC, adopted a resolution approving the acceptance of a proposal from the Army, subject to the understanding that this acceptance would be on a one-year trial basis with appropriate review at the end of that time, and with the further recommendation that the President do everything possible to press for the elimination of punitive provisions in individual ROTC contracts. Aside from the fact that it did not assure removal of the punitive provisions, the major respect in which the proposal represented a departure from the Senate action of 2/13/69 was that during the trial period it would allow academic credit to be given on a course-for-course basis in accordance with the procedures and standards established by the Committee on Undergraduate Studies.
16. 1/23/70 Professor Manne, who had opposed the majority position of the AC-ROTC, submitted his resignation as a member and Chairman of the Committee.

17. 2/12/70 Two petitions were filed with the Academic Secretary. One, signed by 141 members of the Academic Council, called for a special meeting of the Council to review the Senate's decision of 1/22/70. The second, signed by 28 Senate Representatives, called for a mail referendum on the Senate's decision.
18. 3/2/70 The two petitions were considered at a special meeting of the Academic Council, which ordered a mail referendum of the Senate's decision on 1/22/70.
19. 3/30/70 The Academic Council approved the Senate's decision of 1/22/70 by a vote of 390 to 373.
20. 4/1/70 Professor J. Keith Mann replaced Professor Alan S. Manne as Chairman of the AC-ROTC.
21. 4/16/70 In a referendum Stanford students approved the retaining of ROTC on campus by a vote of 2919 to 2781 and disapproved the granting of credit for ROTC courses by a vote of 3616 to 1898.
22. 4/16/70 President Pitzer announced to the Senate that the Air Force would probably withdraw its ROTC program from Stanford because of declining enrollment.
23. 4/20/70 Representatives of the Off ROTC Movement marched on the President's Office and delivered an ultimatum.
24. 4/30/70 Announcement was made that the Department of the Air Force had under consideration for appointment to an executive position Dr. E. Howard Brooks, who had been representing the President in negotiations with the three services. President Pitzer responded by asking the AC-ROTC to reexamine the question of the negotiation of the Army contract.
25. 5/1/70 Against the background of the American invasion of Cambodia, Presidential proposals for the elimination of student deferments from military service, and threats of violence on the campus, the Academic Council adopted a resolution of reference requesting "the Senate to consider without delay terminating ROTC credit at the end of the current academic year."
26. 5/7/70 In response to the foregoing resolution, the Senate, by a vote of 36 to 8 with 4 recorded abstentions, adopted a resolution terminating credit for ROTC courses as of 8/31/70 and requesting the AC-ROTC to study and make recommendations for the fair and equitable implementation of this decision. On a divided voice vote, the Senate also requested the AC-ROTC to report not later than 6/1/70 its recommendations as to the termination or retention of ROTC at Stanford in any form.
27. 5/14/70 The ASSU Senate voted 17 to 9 that ROTC should either be conducted as a voluntary organization or terminated.
28. 5/14/70 Also at this meeting the ASSU Senate approved a resolution which recommended denial of voluntary student organization status to groups formed for the purpose of organized military training.

29. 5/28/70 A petition, signed by 58 members of the Academic Council, was filed with the Academic Secretary, calling for a special meeting of the Academic Council to order a referendum on the Senate's decision of 5/7/70 on ROTC credit.
30. 6/1/70 The AC-ROTC filed a report which was published on 6/3/70 as Campus Report Supplement Number 12. The short-term recommendations of this Report resembled the Senate action of 2/13/69 in their recognition of the fact that the University could not unilaterally abrogate its contractual obligations which extended through the academic year 1972-73. However, it was urged that every legitimate effort be made to complete the phase-out by June of 1972. The Report's long-term recommendations called upon the President to undertake negotiations to the end of effecting a quite major overhaul of all ROTC programs.
31. 6/4/70 The Senate endorsed the recommendations of the AC-ROTC Report of 6/1/70 by a roll call vote in which there were 36 ayes, 8 nays and 3 recorded abstentions.
32. 6/11/70 A petition, signed by 18 Senate Representatives, was filed with the Academic Secretary requesting that the Senate action of 6/4/70 be submitted to the Academic Council by mail referendum.
33. 6/15/70 By this date 51 of the 58 signatories of the original petition for a special meeting of the Academic Council had joined in a request that their original petition be withdrawn in favor of the later petition for referendum on the Senate decision of 6/4/70.
34. 7/29/70 In a referendum the Academic Council approved of the Senate's decision of 6/4/70 by a vote of 439 to 282.
35. 10/1/70 President Lyman reported to the Senate that (a) all military training on the campus would be phased out by June of 1973, (b) the Air Force program would probably be withdrawn by June of 1971, but that (c) under the University's contractual obligations it could not require the removal of the Army and Navy programs before 1973.
36. 10/15/70 President Lyman reported to the Senate that (a) freshmen in the Army and Navy ROTC programs would not receive credit for their freshman-year work, (b) they would take an accelerated program in order to complete their ROTC programs by June of 1973, and (c) they would receive credit for their sophomore, junior and senior ROTC courses, as would fellow students taking these courses.
37. 6/30/71 The Air Force ROTC program was terminated by the Air Force.
38. 5/14/73 Robert J. Barker filed his request of 5/11/73 that the StC consider the matter of reinstating Army ROTC on the Campus (StCD#1573).
39. 5/17/73 Mr. Barker filed supporting documents including copies of a student petition (StCD#1579).
40. 5/23/73 StC V took up the Barker request and referred it to StC VI (StCD#1594).
41. 6/30/73 The Army and Navy ROTC units were duly withdrawn from Stanford.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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