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1. Program Highlights - what's new: The Department of Military Science has is now firmly in place at UW-Stout and commissioned four officers this year. The growth of the Stout partnership has demonstrated a need for an additional partnership at UW River Falls. During this school year, LTC Bolstad initiated and completed a formal partnership agreement with UW River Falls. Throughout this effort, recruiting and retention efforts continued here at UWSP. This school year UWSP will commission 10 officers. This, combined with the commissions from UW-Stout, enabled the UWSP program to exceed its commission mission for the first time since 1990. We were one of only three schools in the brigade to exceed mission. We attribute our success with mission to our success in our training programs. Our cadets are exceptionally competitive against other larger, more prestigious schools at the Leader Development Assessment Course (LDAC), the key training/evaluation event for an ROTC cadet. Our training program began a series of revisions more than three years ago and focuses on 1) developing learning programs that are tactically intensive and requiring in-depth, conceptual effort, and 2) take these learning opportunities to new and underserved outlets. Lastly, we completed our first ever MILS 250 course, taught at UW Marshfield and UW Marathon County. This course had seven students, four of whom are planning to continue their education at UW Stevens Point and enter the ROTC program.

2. Partnerships: More than three years ago, Major Ed Ripp began the process of opening a partnership program at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. The program was approved and the new Department Chair decided to initiate the program starting with the 2005-2006 school year. The new program also reached out to students at University of Wisconsin—Rivers Falls and University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire. In the first year, nine students from UW River Falls participated in the UW Stout classes. During this school year eight students from UWRF enrolled in the classes. This strong number combined with the nearly one hour drive for classes led LTC Bolstad to seek a formal partnership with UWRF. This was also sought because of a small amount of resistance to an ROTC presence on campus in an informal manner. The decision was made by LTC Bolstad and the senior leadership on campus to formalize the partnership to secure the program on campus for the long-term. As of today, the UWSP host program has 22 contracted students and the UW-Stout, UW-River Falls, UW Eau Claire efforts have 23 contracted cadets.

3. Student-centered excellence: During the 2006-2007 school year, four of our graduates received the Chancellor's Leadership Award: Tide Gile, Nathan Barkalow, Jacob Goepfert, and Jesse Losinski. Mr. Jacob Goepfert was selected to be the student speaker for the December Commencement Ceremony. Mr. Eric Shimon was selected as the UW-Stevens Point George C. Marshall Award winner. Mr. Shimon traveled to Virginia as UWSP's representative to the Marshall Award Seminar, where he attended roundtable discussion some of the nations most senior military leaders. Cadet Jeffery Schrimp received an Olmstead Scholarship to travel and study in Brazil this summer. Cadet Abby Paton was named to the Omicron Delta Kappa honor society and also won a research internship at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

4. Student Research: This summer, we will have eighteen cadets attending the Leadership Development Advance Course (LDAC), at Fort Lewis, Washington. In addition to this training, seven cadets are

participating in the Leaders Training Course at Fort Knox, KY. This course is open to academic sophomores. At this course, cadets gain ROTC credit for the first two years of the classroom and lab training. Upon completion, they enter the ROTC Advance Course in their junior year. We will also have four cadets attending parachutist training, and 5 others attending additional training opportunities around the United States and the World. Mr. Scott Schreiber will spend two weeks training with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in the Mojave Desert at Fort Irwin California.

5. Diversity: During this year LTC Bolstad and MAJ Thompson have focused a large portion of his four-year scholarship recruiting to historically diverse public schools in Chicago and Milwaukee. The program maintains an EEO program in compliance with the US Army's policy and regulation.

6. International and study abroad: Cadet Jeffery Schrimp completed his spring 2007 semester abroad in Spain; this was in addition to his already mentioned Olmsted Scholarship to Brazil. Cadet James Gruenewald will participate in a medical internship in Wurzburg, Germany. Finally, Cadet Kyle Bender will be training with a unit in Germany also as part of the Cadet Leadership Training Program.

7. Community service (civic engagement) of students/ faculty: This year our cadre, staff, and cadets participated in a number of civic events, to include Veterans Day celebrations, Memorial Day Celebrations, Flag Day activities, as well as providing color guards for university sporting events and other community activities.

8. Improving our work/living/study environment: This year LTC Bolstad and MAJ Thompson worked closely with the Chancellor and other senior leaders on campus to secure funding for a new ROTC facility. This will be the first time ever that the UW system has allocated funding for an ROTC program.

9. Individual:

a. Lieutenant Colonel Scott Bolstad, Professor of Military Science: will focus exclusively on the UW-Stout and UWRF programs in the 2007-2008 school year. A new Professor of Military Science has been named to run the UWSP program exclusively. Major Jeff Kurka will begin duties at UWSP on August 6, 2007.

b. Major Gary Thompson, Executive Officer & Assistant Professor of Military Science: will depart sometime this fall for new duties within the Wisconsin Army National Guard.