Military Recruiter Access Policy

In order to comply with federal legislation regarding institutions of higher education which prevent ROTC access or military recruiting on campus, on April 24, 1997, the President’s Cabinet unanimously endorsed the following motions:

To reaffirm Messiah College’s long-standing policy of pacifism based on historical religious affiliation with the Brethren in Christ Church;

To reaffirm the College’s long-standing practice of prohibiting the presence of military recruiters and/or establishment of a ROTC unit on campus; and

To approve a policy of providing student directory information to military recruiters upon request.

The following policy is intended to implement these motions and regulate the College’s relationship with military personnel recruiters:

1. Messiah College will not allow military recruiters to establish a presence on campus (e.g., set up a table at a career day, schedule a day to conduct interviews at the Career Center, etc.), but will allow uniformed personnel to come on campus to meet with individual students for appointments which the recruiter and student have prearranged.

2. If a military-related agency asks to come on campus to recruit civilian government employees, the Career Center will request that no uniformed personnel be here to represent the agency and that no recruiting of students for military service take place.

3. Military recruiters may provide the Career Center with information that will be made available to students in the Career Center library but will not be posted in public areas on campus.

4. All requests by military recruiters for campus access to students or for clarification of this policy shall be directed to the Career Center.

5. All requests by military recruiters for student directory information must be in writing and signed on official letterhead. These requests shall be directed to the Registrar.

6. If a student has withheld disclosure of directory information under FERPA, no directory information is to be released to military recruiters.

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