Resolution to extend excused absences for student military members participating in military reserve training days

Faculty Senate
Educational Policy & Student Affairs Committee
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Whereas according to regulations in the Undergraduate Catalog, Section IV.B.3 (Faculty Handbook Section VIII.C.1), students who take part in an authorized University activity receive an excused absence, when notification is issued by the sponsoring office,

Whereas students who are members of the military serving in the National Guard and other military reserve units must on occasion train or travel to training locations on days with scheduled classes, and these absences are potentially unexcused as they are not listed among authorized University activities in the present regulation,

Therefore be it resolved that military reserve training or travel days that fall on class days be treated as excused absences for each student, with the provision of a letter from the commander of the military reserve unit showing the date of the absence and its reason.

And be it resolved that a statement setting out this category of excused absence be added to the relevant university publications as follows:

University Undergraduate Catalog VIII.C/Graduate Catalog 3.6.A/Faculty Handbook IV.B.3
Academic Policies and Procedures: Class Attendance Policy
Excused Absences

If you are participating in an authorized University activity (departmental trip, music or debate activity, ROTC function, or athletic competition), you can obtain notification from the sponsoring office. If you are in the military reserves and reserve training including reasonable travel time to training locations may fall upon class days, a letter from the commander of your military reserve unit showing the date of the absence and the reason for it will serve for prior notification. If you are hospitalized at OhioHealth O’Bleness Memorial Hospital, you are not issued a notification of class absence.