Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Educational Affairs Committee to revise Policy 4.06-5, Air Force ROTC Commitment and Summer Break, will be an agenda item for the April 21, 2023, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu
    Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro
Policy 4.06-5, Air Force ROTC Commitment and Summer Break

Current Policy

Policy 4.06-5, Air Force ROTC Military Service Commitment and Summer Break

Air Force headquarters is aware of UGA’s semester completion dates and will not assign students to early summer encampments. If a mistake should be made, adjustments would be made so that students could complete their exams. This is consistent with Air Force ROTC policy that its participants are students first and cadets second.

Proposed Revisions

Policy 4.06-5, Military Service Commitment

Reasonable accommodations should be given to students for absences due to military obligations or commitments. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Mandatory monthly drill instruction, such as duty completed by National Guard members and military reservists (typically this involves a one-day absence to extend weekend training).
- Service-related medical appointments where failure to appear might result in a loss of benefits.
- Being called to active duty on short notice.

It is assumed that students will work with their advisor during the drop/add period to find a course that avoids conflict with their military commitment whenever possible. Students should inform each faculty member of their known and anticipated absences at the start of the term. In the event the absence is not known at the start of the term, written notice should be given to the faculty member as soon as the student is made aware, preferably at least two weeks in advance.

Students should be given reasonable accommodation by faculty to make up any work missed during the absence or, at the instructor’s discretion, will be given an alternative assignment in lieu of the work missed. Such assignments may be prior to the date of the absence and may include placing the weight of the assignment on another component of the course, including final examination.