Advising VA Benefit Students

Office of the Registrar Advisor Summit 2015
OSU is a “Military Friendly School!”

What does this mean to you?
Veterans Administration Benefits

• It’s All About the “Bennys:”
  • Tuition
  • Fees
  • Housing
  • Books
  • Tutoring reimbursement

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Veterans Administration Benefits

• Who gets them?
  • Veterans
  • Dependents (spouse or children)
Advisor Involvement with VA Students:

1. Degree Planning with students seeking Military Tuition Assistance
2. Monitoring degree progress for Federal VA Benefits
3. Parent School Letter Process
4. Timeline and Schedule
1. Degree Planning for Students Seeking Military Tuition Assistance

-Part of our “Military Friendly Campus” initiative

-Supporting incoming students to help them actually get in the door

-The Degree Plan is a preliminary tool the Military requires to get active duty students started at OSU. Don’t be scared, it’s not a contract!
2. Monitor Degree Progress For Federal VA Benefits

- Advise VA students within the context of benefit payments- help them stick to their program.
- Advisors = Advocates
Students who wish to take classes at another institution need a “Parent School Letter” from OSU to be sent to the other school.

- The other school then certifies to the VA for the classes they are taking with them.
- We’ve been doing a great job with this.

Here’s the Form:
4. Timeline and Schedule

- SCO certification schedule
- Student schedule changes (adds, drops, withdrawing from courses) change the certification schedule and payment from the VA.
- The VA payment timeline labyrinth
- Summer term changes EVERYTHING.
Resources you can promote to VA Students:

- SCOs!
  - Cathy Walker
  - Angela Williamson
  - Randy Ocampo

- Willie Elfering, Veterans Resource Advisor
- Tutoring Services
- The OSU Veterans Website
  [http://studentlife.oregonstate.edu/veterans](http://studentlife.oregonstate.edu/veterans)
Did you get what you needed? Questions?