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To: Dr. Charles W. Sorensen
Chancellor

From: Dennis Lee Shaw
Chair, Senate of Academic Staff

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Subj: Senate of Academic Staff Endorsement of Army ROTC Battalion Proposal

Chancellor Sorensen,

As you know, Lt. Col. Scott Bolstad made a presentation to the Joint Senates meeting yesterday regarding the proposal to the campus to designate a new Army ROTC Host Battalion at UW-Stout. We thank LTC Bolstad for taking the time to address both senates and for remaining available during our meeting deliberations.

This is to inform you that at our March 21, 2007 meeting, the Senate of Academic Staff, on a vote of 8 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention, approved a motion endorsing the Army ROTC Host Battalion Proposal as presented.

In making your decision on whether or not to approve the proposal, I know you will be interested in the thoughts behind our endorsement. While the concern about the U.S. Army's "Don't ask, don't tell" policy was brought up, the discussion on this proposal was overwhelmingly positive. There was high praise for the quality of students in the current military science program and for the leadership on campus of LTC Bolstad personally. Senators commented positively about our ROTC program being the fastest growing program in the nation and that ours could be the first new host battalion in 40 years. Senators also mentioned the excellent scholarship benefits ROTC provides our students (especially for minority students who may not otherwise be able to afford the cost of a college education), as well as the fact that the program brings into the campus and community much more financially than it costs the campus. At least one Senator called it the proposal "win-win situation."

Please feel free to call on me if you need any additional information about the motion adopted by the Senate of Academic Staff. The exact wording of the motion will be sent through the usual transmittal methods at a later date.

cc: Dr. Forrest Schultz, Chair, Faculty Senate
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