The USPTO has taken a number of steps to help raise awareness of these schemes. First, it provides information about the problem together with various official documents that it issues to registrants and applicants for registration. In addition, it maintains a Web page that describes the problem (please see https://www.uspto.gov/trademarks-getting-started/non-uspto-solicitations), provides a list of entities that are known to make fraudulent solicitations, and lists an email address (TMFeedback@uspto.gov) through which parties can send suggested additions to the list. Finally, the USPTO also produced a video that highlights the potential harm posed by non-USPTO solicitations, which is available at https://www.uspto.gov/trademarks-getting-started/process-overview/trademark-information-network.

The USPTO has worked closely with other Federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, and the United States Postal Inspection Service, to combat the fraudulent solicitations. Recently, the U.S. Department of Justice secured five criminal convictions in federal court in California related to one of these scams, including convictions on charges of mail fraud, money laundering, conspiracy, and other crimes, all arising out of a scheme that defrauded more than 4,400 trademark owners out of $1.66 million. The USPTO continues to provide its full support to U.S. law enforcement officials working on this matter.

To provide U.S. Government officials with more information about the scope of this problem, and to continue to raise public awareness about it, the USPTO encourages parties who have been victimized by these scams, or attorneys whose clients have been victimized by them, to speak at the roundtable. The USPTO has invited the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Federal Trade Commission, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the Small Business Administration to hear about experiences with these scams and offer their insights.

The roundtable will provide an opportunity for interested parties to share ideas about how to address the problem. The USPTO has invited various intellectual property law organizations to participate, including the Intellectual Property section of the American Bar Association (ABA), the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC), the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA), the Federation Internationale des Conseils en Propriete Intellectuelle (FICPI-US), the Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO), and the International Trademark Association (INTA). The USPTO encourages all interested members of the public to attend.

Requests To Speak at the Roundtable: Individuals wishing to speak at the roundtable must complete the on-line registration no later than July 17, 2017, and include their name, contact information (telephone number and email address), the organization(s) the person represents, if any, the topics they wish to address, and the approximate length of the presentation. To ensure a balanced array of views, there is the possibility that not all persons who wish to make a presentation will be able to do so given time constraints; however, the USPTO will do its best to try to accommodate as many as possible. Selected speakers will be notified thereafter. Nonetheless, all members of the public are encouraged to submit written feedback regarding fraudulent solicitations by electronic mail message via the Internet addressed to tmpolicy@uspto.gov.

Parties who have been selected to speak may do so either at USPTO main campus in Alexandria, Virginia, or via webcast at one of the following USPTO Regional Offices: the Midwest Regional Office, 300 River Place Drive, Suite 2900, Detroit, Michigan 48207; the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, 1961 Stout Street, Denver, Colorado 80224; the West Coast Regional Office, 26 S. Fourth Street, San Jose, California 95113; or the Texas Regional Office, 207 South Houston Street, Suite 159, Dallas, Texas 75202. Please check the appropriate location when completing the on-line registration.

Public Availability of Transcripts: The transcript of the roundtable will be made available for public inspection upon request at the Office of the Commissioner for Trademarks, located at 600 Dulany Street, Madison East Building, Tenth Floor, Alexandria, Virginia, and via address: http://www.uspto.gov.

Accessibility for People With Disabilities: The roundtable meeting will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. All major entrances to the USPTO Madison Building (East) at 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 are accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodation, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, should communicate their needs to Hollis Robinson at the Office of Policy and Interoperability by telephone at (571) 272–9300, or by email at hollis.robinson@uspto.gov; or by postal mail addressed to: Mail Stop OPIA, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450, ATTN: Hollis Robinson, at least seven (7) business days prior to the roundtable.


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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Office of the Secretary
Board of Visitors National Defense University; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Board of Visitors National Defense University will take place.

DATES: Day 1—Open to the public Tuesday, July 11, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Day 2—Open to the public Wednesday, July 12, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Marshall Hall, Building 62, Room 155B, the National Defense University, 300 5th Avenue SW., Fort McNair, Washington, DC 20319–5066.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Cabrey; Joycelyn Stevens, (703) 283–7604 (Voice), (202) 685–3920 (Facsimile), richard.m.cabrey.civ@mail.mil; joycelyn.a.stevens.civ@mail.mil; stevensj7@ndu.edu (Email). Mailing address is National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, DC 20319–5066. Web site: http://www.ndu.edu/About/Board-of-Visitors/. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the Web site.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Designated Federal Officer and the Department of Defense, the Board of Visitors National Defense University was unable to provide public notification concerning its meeting on July 11 through 12, 2017, as required by 41 CFR 102–3.150(a). Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense,
pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.140 and 102–3.150. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public.

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting will include discussion on accreditation compliance, organizational management, strategic planning, resource management, and other matters of interest to the National Defense University.

Agenda

Tuesday, July 11, 2017
Room 155A/B, Marshall Hall
1:00 p.m.—Call to Order
Mr. Richard Cabrey, Designated Federal Officer
1:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.—Administrative Notes
Mr. Cabrey; General Lloyd “Fig” Newton, USAF (Retired), BOV Chair
1:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.—Video and State of the University Address
Major General Frederick M. Padilla, NDU President
1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.—State of the NDU Budget
Major General Robert Kane, USAF (Retired), Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Jay Helming, Chief Financial Officer
2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.—Review of the Process for the Accreditation of Joint Education (PAJE) Visits for NDU Programs
Dr. John Yaeger, NDU Provost
3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.—BREAK
3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.—College Value Propositions
Rear Admiral Janice Hamby, USN (Ret), Chancellor, College of Information and Cyberspace; Dr. Charles Cushman, Jr., Interim Chancellor, College of International Security Affairs; Rear Admiral Jeffrey Ruth, Commandant, Joint Forces Staff College; Brigadier General Chad Manske, Commandant, National War College; Brigadier General Paul Fredenburgh III, Commandant, the Eisenhower School
4:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.—Industry Fellows Recruitment Strategy
Brigadier General Fredenburgh III
4:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.—Day One Wrap Up
General Newton and Major General Padilla
4:45 p.m.—Meeting Ends for the Day
Mr. Cabrey

Wednesday, July 12, 2017
Room 155A/B, Marshall Hall
8:30 a.m.—Call to Order
Mr. Cabrey
8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.—Information Technology/Academic Technology Migration Progress Update
Rear Admiral Diane Webber, USN (Retired), Chief Information Officer
9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Cyber Curriculum Review
Rear Admiral Hamby
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.—Faculty and Staff Command Climate Survey Results and Analysis
Dr. B.J. Miller, NDU Director of Institutional Research, Planning and Assessment
10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.—Planning Process for Strategic Plan AY 2018–2019 to AY 2023–2024
Dr. Yaeger and Major General Kane
10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.—BREAK
11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.—BOV Member Feedback
Board Members
11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.—Wrap-up and Closing Remarks
General Newton and Major General Padilla

Meeting Accessibility: Limited space made available for observers will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Meeting location is handicap accessible.

Written Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, written statements to the committee may be submitted to the committee at any time or in response to a stated planned meeting agenda by FAX or email to Ms. Joycelyn Stevens at (202) 685–0079, Fax (202) 685–3920 or Stevensj7@ndu.edu.


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