1. When was the last time that Army ROTC was discussed at CSUSM?
   - ROTC was discussed by the Academic Senate in Spring 2008.
   - A Study Group on ROTC was jointly charged by the Senate and the Provost, and carried out its work in AY 2008-09.
   - The Study Group prepared a report (available here: www.csusm.edu senate/reports/reportsPDF/ROTC_%20Final04072009.pdf), which recommended that “ROTC courses should not be offered as long as the military policy of exclusion (‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’) is in place.”
   - The military ended ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ on September 20, 2011.

2. What exists currently at CSUSM in terms of Army ROTC?
   - Army ROTC began holding SDSU MILS courses for CSUSM students at the University Village Apartments in Fall 2008.
   - Starting in Spring 2012, after the UVA ended its contract to provide space to ROTC, the SDSU MILS courses for CSUSM students began to be taught in campus classrooms. While MILS 101, 102, 201, 202, 301, and 302 are currently taught on the CSUSM campus, CSUSM students have to travel to SDSU to register for the courses, which are SDSU courses, and then transfer course credit to CSUSM upon completion.
   - Army ROTC has 3 offices on the 6th floor of Craven Hall since 2009 and more recently a storage container for equipment near the Mangrum Track.
   - Army ROTC Student Leaders: a student club

3. Why are we discussing ROTC now?
   - In Fall 2013, 4 Lower Division Military Science courses to be housed in COBA were brought to the Senate for consideration. The Senate passed a resolution requiring input from faculty, staff, and students for a full discussion in the Senate about ROTC prior to considering the Military Science courses. The objective of the Open Forum for Faculty and Staff held on March 4, 2014, and the subsequent survey sent to all faculty and staff is to gather feedback from faculty and staff regarding both ROTC and its Military Science courses to inform the Senate’s discussion.

4. What is ROTC?
   - ROTC is the Reserve Officer Training Corps
   - ROTC is a college-based program that exists at hundreds of colleges/universities across the United States for training commissioned officers of the United States Armed Forces. ROTC students attend college like other students, but also receive basic military training and officer training for their chosen branch of service through the ROTC unit at or nearby the college. The students participate in regular drills during the school year, and extended training activities during the summer (Wikipedia, ROTC)
   - There are distinct ROTC programs for Army ROTC, Air Force ROTC, and Navy ROTC (includes Marines)
5. **By enrolling in ROTC, are students joining the Army?**
   - Students who participate in ROTC take Military Science (MILS) courses for which they receive college credit as elective units.
   - Any student can take any of the lower-division MILS classes, whether they are participating in ROTC or not. Even international students may take them.
   - To register in the upper-division MILS courses, students must make a commitment to ROTC prior to the start of their junior year in college. This commitment means that upon graduation from college, cadets will accept a commission either for active duty in the Army, with the National Guard, or with the Army Reserves.

6. **Is ROTC like "boot camp"?**
   - No. ROTC cadets are in college to earn a regular Bachelor’s degree.

7. **What can students expect to learn by taking ROTC?**
   - Leadership and management skills needed to become a U.S. Army officer. These skills also contribute to civilian careers.

8. **Is there a military obligation during college?**
   - During the first two years, ROTC cadets have no military obligation (or the first year in the case of scholarship recipients).

9. **What is the ROTC program comprised of?**
   - The ROTC program is divided into 2 two-year phases: The Basic Course program – first year and sophomore year — includes Army history, organization and structure. The techniques and principles of leadership and management are stressed throughout. The Advanced Course program – junior and senior years – concentrates on tactical operations and military instruction, as well as advanced techniques of management, leadership, and command.

10. **Which branch is proposing courses at CSUSM now?**
    - Army ROTC is currently the only branch proposing courses. There has been no contact from the other branches of the Armed Forces.

11. **What do CSUSM students who want to participate in Air Force or Navy ROTC do?**
    - They go to the Air Force ROTC program at SDSU or the Navy ROTC program at SDSU or USD
    - This means that they go to SDSU (or USD) weekly for all their ROTC coursework
12. What are MILS courses?

- MILS – Military Sciences courses
- There are 8 military science courses that constitute the program of study for ROTC students at U.S. colleges and universities.
- Students take one per semester for four years: MILS 101, 102, 201, 202, 301, 302, 401, and 402
- MILS 101: Intro to Leadership I (CSUSM course title)
- MILS 102: Intro to Leadership II (CSUSM course title)
- MILS 201: Foundations of Leadership I (CSUSM course title)
- MILS 202: Foundations of Leadership II (CSUSM course title)
- MILS 301: Adaptive Tactical Leadership (SDSU course title)
- MILS 302: Leadership in Changing Environments (SDSU course title)
- MILS 401: Developing Adaptive Leaders (SDSU course title)
- MILS 402: Leadership in a Complex World (SDSU course title)

13. What is the difference between an Army ROTC Partner or Satellite campus (like CSUSM) and an Army ROTC Host campus (like SDSU)?

- At a Partner Campus like CSUSM, there are students who enroll in Military Science (MILS) courses that may be held on their campus or at the nearest Host campus. In addition, there may be 2-3 offices on the campus occupied by ROTC cadres who manage the Partner campus programs and teach the MILS courses if offered on the campus. There may be a space provided to ROTC to store equipment.
- A Host campus, like SDSU, includes:
  o A Battalion of ROTC students that includes the ROTC students from that campus and may include ROTC students from regional partner campuses. The ROTC Battalion at SDSU includes the ROTC students from CSUSM, USD, Pt. Loma Nazarene College, UCSD, and CSUSM.
  o The regional leadership of ROTC
  o Funding from ROTC and the campus
  o A Department of Military Science with a Lt. Colonel in charge. At SDSU, this department consists of a Lt. Colonel as the Department Chair, 8 additional officers as faculty, and 3 civilians as staff.

14. When did CSUSM students first start taking MILS courses at SDSU and transferring the unit credit back to CSUSM?

- Air Force ROTC first appears in the 1994-95 CSUSM Catalog
  o CSUSM students take the entire program at SDSU
- Navy ROTC first appears in the 2002-04 CSUSM Catalog
  o CSUSM students take the entire program at SDSU
- Army ROTC first appears in the 2002-04 CSUSM Catalog
  o See the answer to Question 13 for details
  o There is a cross-enrollment agreement between CSUSM and the Dept. of the Army, dated Fall 1991.
15. Does the Army plan to establish an ROTC Host program at CSUSM?
   • No, the Army does not want CSUSM to become a Host campus for ROTC.
   • The Army is in the process of reviewing the status of ROTC programs nationwide for possible elimination.

16. What is the Army requesting of CSUSM?
   • The Army would like CSUSM to approve MILS 101, 102, 201, and 202 as CSUSM courses.
   • The Army has communicated a wish to bring the upper division courses for approval and inclusion in the CSUSM catalog in the next year (MILS 301, 302, 401, and 402).

17. When do CSUSM ROTC students have to go elsewhere for their ROTC activities?
   • They go to SDSU to register for classes.
   • They go to SDSU every Thursday for a leadership class. Round-trip transportation is provided by the Army.
   • Some other activities each semester take place at field locations.

18. What will change for CSUSM students if the MILS classes are approved and are listed as part of CSUSM’s curricular offerings?
   • They will be able to register for the courses together with their other CSUSM courses through MyCSUSM.
   • They will not have to transfer course credit each semester because their MILS courses will be part of their CSUSM transcript as with any other CSUSM course they take.
   • CSUSM students will still have to go to SDSU on most Thursdays for the leadership class, and the Army will continue to provide transportation for them. But on some Thursdays they will be able to take the leadership class on our campus.

19. Are all college degree programs compatible with Army ROTC?
   • Yes, Army ROTC students are allowed to major in nearly all academic areas.

20. Who can take ROTC courses?
   • MILS 101, 102, 201, 202: Any student can take any of these MILS classes, whether they are participating in ROTC or not. Even international students may take them.
   • MILS 301, 302, 401, 402: To register in these courses, students must have made a commitment to ROTC prior to the start of their junior year in college. This commitment means that upon graduation from college, cadets will accept a commission either for active duty in the Army, with the National Guard, or with the Army Reserves.