

## Background

- I. The Consortium was created in response to the Marine Corps University Strategic Plan (Goal 5.4.4) tasked to the Faculty Council: "Engage other PME institutions in discussion for development of a society/ association of Professional Military Educators as an opportunity to increase service school collaboration."
- II. The first meeting of the consortium occurred in conjunction with the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society (IUS-AFS) meeting in November 2019 and was led by the current chair of the Marine Corps University Faculty Council, Dr. Lauren Mackenzie. It was there that initial discussion began about the development of a Joint Scholarship of Teaching & Learning (JSOTL) Forum to bring together PME faculty/staff to exchange ideas regarding teaching, research and assessment.
- III. The Army War College hosted the first JSOTL virtual forum (led by Dr. Megan Hennessey) on 13 October 2020 in which the lunch hour session was devoted to the second meeting of the PME Faculty Consortium.

## Way Ahead

- I. This PME Faculty Consortium is comprised of educators from diverse disciplinary backgrounds and branches of service - and who teach across a variety of learning levels. Although many PME faculty members have long collaborated within their disciplines (i.e.; International Relations, Military History, etc.) this Consortium is focused less on the content of what is taught and more on the context in which this kind of instruction occurs. Accordingly, this consortium was created in order to achieve synergy and exchange best practices across the JPME continuum of instruction. Based upon the information systems available and the COVID-19 pandemic environment, future collaboration may occur virtually, in person or in a hybrid format. Regardless of how the group gathers, it is important to both document and encourage participation in this consortium if it is to flourish and achieve its potential as a force multiplier in the PME community.
- II. In January 2021, a Google Group was formed which allows members to post job opportunities, calls for papers, and engage in discussion about PME-related issues. In the coming months, the group will be polled to determine interest levels in dividing the group up according to their teaching, research and assessment interests.
- III. The next JSOTL Forum, hosted by Air University in May 2021, offers another opportunity for the PME Faculty Consortium to connect during the lunch hour and discuss the potential for collaboration.



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