

# COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

## Minutes

October 19, 2017; 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Gateway Center; 902 Prices Fork Road; Suite 120

**Attendance:** Bonnie Alberts, Jan Helge Bøhn, Cyril Clarke, Dave Close, Svetlana Filiatreau, Samantha Fried, Guru Ghosh, Roberto Leon, Ian Leuschner, Shelley Martin, Gerhardt Schurig, Stella Schons (for Carolyn Copenheaver), Heinrich Schnoedt, Brett Shadle, Susan Short

**Absent:** Andrea Brunais, Jennifer Carter, Carolyn Copenheaver (sent Stella Schons), John Jessen, Ed Jones, Djordje Minic, Karen Munden, Kang Xia

### 1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Jan Helge Bøhn welcomed the group; self-introductions were made.

### 2. **Agenda Approval**

Jan Helge made the call for motion to approve the agenda with a minor correction, which was to remove the Charge to Commission item under the Welcome, heading (a carryover from last month); motion made; was seconded; all were in favor and the agenda was approved with minor change.

### 3. **Call for Announcements**

The call for announcements was made. No announcements were made.

### 4. **Announcement of Approval of Minutes, September 21, 2017**

The minutes from the September 21, 2017 meeting were sent out electronically for updates; were approved electronically; and have been sent to University Council to be posted to the University Governance website upon approval by University Council. Minutes can be found at: <http://www.governance.vt.edu/>.

### 5. **Chairman's Report**

Jan Helge gave an update on the University Council meeting from October 2, 2017. The update included the OIRED to CIRED resolution that is in process of language updates; reflecting the clarification of a university center versus a college center. The Resolution to establish a Bachelor's degree of Science in Public Health was brought forth for a second reading and approval; passed. The meeting also included a presentation from Tracy Vosburg on the new branding initiative.

The subcommittee on International Alumni Relations and Advancement; chaired by Svetlana Filiatreau and includes Ian Leuschner, discussed the addition of other committee members. David Clubb, Don Back, Glenda Scales, and a representative to be named from Matt Winston's area will serve on the committee. It was suggested to reach out to Monika Gibson. The charge of the committee is to be based on the letter to President Sands and finding ways to tap into the International Alumni base. The idea is to create a baseline with International Alumni and partner with them from an advancement perspective. Find numbers, where they are and ask colleges where alumni are from and majors. Currently there is no data integrity, and there was a recommendation to secure a data system. Kim Rhodes is to send out a copy of the letter to President Sands and his response to COIA.

### 6. **Vice-Chairman Report**

Brett Shadle spoke about the Alumni Awards for Outreach Excellence. Final members of the review committee include Dave Close, Carla Finkelstein, Roberto Leon, Ian Leuschner and Brett Shadle. Carla is a former award winner. The hope is to send the materials out by November 1<sup>st</sup>; the award deadline is January 31, 2018 at 4 p.m.; and committee members will review documents from Google Docs. The committee is expected to review documents as they are posted; with the idea to finish up shortly after the deadline of January 31<sup>st</sup>. The committee will rank packets and meet in February, with a final decision the third week in February to notify Kim to get the information to Special Events by the end of February. Susan Short volunteered to gather brief summaries of previous award winners from the web in order to tie them into the Awards page for examples of winning projects.

## 7. **Reports**

### a. **Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)-No Report Given at This Time**

### b. **University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA) Meeting**

Ian Leuschner updated the commission with regard to the UCIA meeting from September 25, 2017. There were bids for projects awaiting decisions, Senegal and Tanzania; the Language and Culture Institute (LCI) reported a proposal for the Shandong University Faculty Development Program to begin in October; Pakistan Teacher Training program; and a delegation from Vietnam to visit Virginia Tech in October. Global Education discussed events to involve exchanged students and integrating them within the community. The Cranwell Center and Graduate College are working on the I-17 recertification; which is information submitted to the Federal government on student visas and scholars on campus. David Clubb gave an update on the complicated process of waivers for visa restrictions. The discussion of scaling back meeting frequency from monthly to less frequently was voted down and left at monthly meetings.

Minutes: <http://www.outreach.vt.edu/VP/CommissionsAndCommittees/ucia/uciaminutes.html>.

## 8. **Commission Board Member Comments**

Susan Short uplifted a governance process meeting she attended and complimented the Orientation process of COIA and the representation of students; outlined the Engagement Leadership Council's success in being able to meet on a quarterly basis; indicated the Save Our Towns Series was applauded at the Engagement Consortium recently; and highlighted that Virginia Tech was recognized at the UPCIA in Richmond for Outstanding Community Engagement for the Flint Water Study Team.

Heinrich Schnoedt suggested an Alumni Award that targets outside of the country; career advancements for Alumni Abroad.

Guru Ghosh announced that a search for the Associate Vice President for International Affairs will be launched later this fall; Susan will be chairing a task force of learning across Virginia and how learning is engaged across the Commonwealth including industry demand versus needs; work is being completed on a Global Analytics Data certificate in India; and the development of a European Strategy task force to take a look at the future of the Steger Center to be chaired by Bob Bodnar and David Bieri.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, all in favor; adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Rhodes  
Recording Secretary

## **TENTATIVE MEETING DATES FOR 2017-2018**

*(All meetings will be from **3:30-4:30 p.m.** and will take place at the Gateway Center-902 Prices Fork)*

- November 16, 2017
- December 14, 2017
- NO JANUARY MEETING
- February 15, 2018
- March 15, 2018
- April 19, 2018
- May 10, 2018