

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minutes

December 14, 2017; 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Gateway Center; 902 Prices Fork Road; Suite 120

Attendance: Bonnie Alberts, Jan Helge Bøhn, Jennifer Carter (via phone), Dave Close, Carolyn Copenheaver, Greg Daniel, Svetlana Filiatreau, Samantha Fried, Ben Groves (for Ed Jones), Ian Leuschner, Roberto Leon, Shelley Martin, Karen Munden (via phone), Heinrich Schnoedt

Absent: Andrea Brunais, Guru Ghosh, John Jessen, Ed Jones, Djordje Minic, Gerhardt Schurig, Brett Shadle, Susan Short, Xia Kang

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; all were in favor and the agenda was approved.

3. Call for Announcements

Jan Helge made the call for announcements. Jennifer Carter announced that the Northern Virginia 4-H was voiced Best Summer Camp by NOVA magazine.

4. Announcement of Approval of Minutes, November 16, 2017

Jan Helge announced that the minutes from the November 16, 2017 meeting have been approved electronically and forwarded to the University Council and to the University Governance website: <http://www.governance.vt.edu/outreach-and-international-affairs.php>.

5. Chairman's Report

Jan Helge discussed that at the University Council meeting on December 4, 2017, the second reading and approval of the new major, Philosophy, Politics and Economics in Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies; and new business included first reading of the resolution to amend the University Council By-Laws. Minutes for University Council <http://www.governance.vt.edu/>.

Svetlana Filiatreau reported on the subcommittee on International Alumni Relations and Advancement. The membership includes Ian Leuschner, Don Back, Latonya Walker, Monika Gibson, Svetlana Filiatreau and a representative from Development. Through initial conversations, recommendations were made for the subcommittee to work with Alumni and Advancement and suggestions were to include a representative from Enrollment Management such as Juan Espinoza or Lisa Havens. As well, it was recommended to have a representative from the Pamplin College, College of Engineering Development divisions, as well as representatives from each college, whereas college representatives might be better connected. Discussion included compiling comments for review in order to come up with the formal charge for the subcommittee and this could be handled electronically ahead of the February meeting. Discussions need to include who international alumni are and what it means to different departments. Jennifer Carter shared that while involved in a certificate program one of the attendees ended up as an applicant to Virginia Tech.

Conversations included identifying steps for a 2-year plan by April 19th meeting, a draft charge can be sent out for first reading electronically in January, second reading can occur at the February meeting and approval. A file repository can be set up on Google Drive.

6. Alumni Awards for Outreach Excellence Update

Kim Rhodes gave the group an update that there were three (3) contacts made to her office with regard to inquiries about the Alumni award for Outreach Excellence. One involved a Research component in which the inquirer was referred to the Alumni Award for Research and/or the Alumni Award for International Research. The second involved the confusion between the Alumni Award for Outreach Excellence and the College Award for Outreach Excellence, in which information was given to differentiate the two awards. The third inquiry involved a faculty member to be nominated for the Alumni Award for Outreach Excellence, but was retiring at the end of December. The explanation was that the nominee could be nominated for the College Award if the College has not already completed their process. A reminder of the awards will be submitted to the E-Daily News to run in January.

7. Reports

a. Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)

Ben Grove gave the summary of the events occurring for VCE. VCE has identified six (6) new program leaders; current faculty are to apply and become state leaders for three (3) years. The issue of the opioid epidemic is brought to the forefront of conversations and what can higher education do to convene the conversation. There will be a winter conference in February, which will be face-to-face (alternating years between virtual and face-to-face). Recently the annual stakeholder and administrative meeting was held.

b. University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA) Meeting

Ian Leuschner gave the UCIA meeting updates to include Larry Vaughn moving the Peace Corps Prep program; recruiting interested faculty; Louisa Havens presented at the November meeting; updates from the Global Education Office (GEO), International Support Services (ISS) audit; Cranwell's changes to the International Street Fair and how food preparation is handled; the Language and Culture Institute (LCI) has visitors from Shandong University; Fulbrights arriving from Argentina and are processing an agreement with Saudi Arabia.

Louisa Havens discussed enrollment management and the importance of international recruitment, which is not currently diverse. Discussion included the college needs assessments, and lack of usable data. Minutes may be found at: <http://www.outreach.vt.edu/VP/CommissionsAndCommittees/ucia/uciaminutes.html>.

8. Commission Board Member Comments

Jan Helge made the call for any comments. Dave Close announced the search committee is wrapping up the search for a Director of Plant and Environment Science and a successful candidate should be announced at the beginning of the year.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, all were in favor; adjourned at 4:25 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 Princes Fork)

- NO JANUARY MEETING
- February 15, 2018
- March 15, 2018
- April 19, 2018
- May 10, 2018