

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minutes

December 9, 2010

3:30-4:30 p.m.

325 Burruss Hall

Attendance: Onwubiko Agozino, Jan Helge Bøhn, Andrea Brunais, Kirsten Buhls (via phone), Peter Callan (via phone), S.K. De Datta, Jack Davis, Francois Elvinger, Christine Fiori, Tom Hammett (for Bob Smith), Gary Long, Fadel Megahed, Lenah Nguyen (via phone), Susan Short, Debra Stoudt, Cathy Sutphin (for Alan Grant), Fred Piercy (guest)

Absent: Maggie Appel-Schumacher, Susan Clark, John Dooley, Devi Gnyawali, Lori Greiner, Alan Grant, Lori Greiner, Joao Maciera, Saied Mostaghimi, John Provo, Bob Smith, Janell Watson

1. Welcome and Introductions

Jan Helge Bøhn welcomed everyone. Self-introductions were made.

2. Agenda Approval

Jan Helge Bøhn called for approval of the agenda; the agenda was approved as distributed.

3. Approval of Minutes, November 4, 2010

Jan Helge Bøhn announced that the November 4, 2010, meeting was cancelled, therefore there were no minutes prepared.

4. Chairman's Report

Jan Helge Bøhn gave a report on the University Council meeting. There was a second reading of discontinuing some degree programs and a first reading of policy regarding clarification of faculty leave policies.

5. Vice-Chairman's Report

6. Gary Long discussed the Alumni Awards for Outreach Excellence. There were only 2 submissions, one for the individual award and a two-person team for the team award. He asked if the commission felt we should extend the deadline for this year; a suggestion also was made to make the deadline date for next year the second week in January (2012). The consensus was to go with the submissions we have for this year & push the deadline date to January for the following year. A suggestion was made to announce right after Thanksgiving & again at the beginning of January. A motion was made to move the date to the second Tuesday of classes 2012; was seconded and approved. The request was made to add additional members to the search committee.

7. Reports

a. Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)

Cathy Sutphin had a handout regarding the VCE (see attached). There is an on-going reduction in budget and changes in demographics, which resulted in the re-structuring of the unit. An effort has been to cover the entire state with the current resources. Implementation teams have been formed and recommendations were made to the Dean. Links to pages on-line are being updated. There has also been a reduction in support staff.

b. University Council on International Affairs (UCIA)

Debra Stoudt spoke about the two recent UCIA meetings that have occurred since the last COIA meeting. The student health insurance issue has come up again; faculty insurance is also a concern. There has been discussion regarding TOEFL requirements; a few exchange students are not meeting VT requirements. Debra indicated that John Dooley is checking on our peer institutions' TOEFL requirements and whether they make exceptions for students from international partners. Discussion also is ongoing regarding honor system violations and student conduct record checks for students participating in programs abroad; details are being worked out.

c. Outreach Council

Jan Helge Bøhn discussed the Outreach Council meeting from November 30, 2010. The meeting included: John Provo's discussion on Economic Development at VT; Jeri Childers' discussion on the Engagement Academy Team for 2011; Susan Short's update on the Inn at Virginia Tech's Incentive Program; Fred Piercy's update on the activities from the 2010 Engagement Academy Team; Andrea Brunais' update on Outreach Communications; and Brian Calhoun's update on the Cooperative Extension restructuring.

8. Engagement Academy 2010-2011

Due to time, Fred Piercy's presentation will be given at the February 10, 2011 meeting.

9. Engagement White Paper Discussion

Due to time, this item will be carried over to the next meeting.

10. Commission Board Member Comments

No comments were made due to time.

FUTURE COIA MEETINGS (all meetings from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in 325 Burruss)

NO JANUARY MEETING

February 10, 2011

March 17, 2011

April 14, 2011

May 5, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Rhodes
Recording Secretary