

**COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
MINUTES  
January 20, 2005**

Attendance: Jennifer Abel (telecon), Scott Baker (telecon), Linda Burcham, Jeri Childers, S. K. De Datta, John Dooley, Gene Egger, Ken Eriksson, Mike Lambur, Jim Pease, Cheryl Peed for Glenda Scales, Susan Prillaman (telecon), Ted Settle, Judith Shrum, Pat Sobrero, Rodney Thompson, Lynn Young for Judi Lynch

Absence: Marco Caiado, Melinda Cep, Eileen Crist, Joe Eifert, Sharron Quisenberry, Robert Shaffer

Guests: Jack Davis, Susan Felker, Joe Scarpaci

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Judith Shrum welcomed members to the meeting. Self-introductions were made.

**2. Agenda Approval**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**3. Approval of Minutes, December 9, 2004**

The December 9, 2004 Minutes were approved electronically and have been forwarded to University Council for approval.

**4. Chairman's Report**

- There was no report from University Council since it has not met since the last COIA meeting. Heike Mayer, representing untenured faculty, was invited to attend the February COIA meeting to discuss her outreach activity at Virginia Tech in context of scholarship. Due to her teaching schedule, she is unable to attend. Dr. Shrum requested that Commission members send her via email the names of other untenured faculty members who are involved in scholarship of engagement so she can invite one of them to the February meeting.

Report from the P&T Sub-Committee

- Jack Davis is coordinating the P & T subcommittee which has been unable to meet at this time.

Report from the Workshop Planning Sub-committee

- Jeri Childers reported that the Workshop Planning Subcommittee has met twice. Their goal was to look at the feasibility of launching an event or workshop activity with a dialogue on outreach scholarship. The subcommittee recommended the following:
  - Have an annual signature event to be held in the fall instead of the spring.
  - Call the event the "2005 Outreach Summit" or a similar name that would signify a focus on outreach. Invite a President of a university to speak about research and outreach at his/her institution, and how that is working and benefiting the research agenda and individual faculty. Several Commission members gave very favorable comments about the qualifications of Dr. Martin Jischke, President of Purdue University. It was noted that Dr. Jischke is active in the Kellogg Commission's report on engagement. The Commission and subcommittee authorized Dr. Shrum to immediately work with President Steger to invite Dr. Jischke to the fall event.
  - Hold the event in the afternoon or full day.
  - The invited President could speak about stories of success and lessons learned in outreach and research, followed by a panel of Virginia Tech faculty who could continue that momentum discussing synergies of outreach and the research agenda at Virginia Tech.
  - Conclude with a reception.
  - Consider aligning the fall signature event with the awards cycle beginning in '06-'07.

Judith Shrum thanked the subcommittee for their work and laid out the next steps. At the February 10 meeting there will be a discussion among the Commission members about how to continue with the signature event, and she asked Jeri Childers to coordinate that discussion. She also asked the Commission to be thinking about matters for that discussion, i.e., inviting various college P & T committees into the planning: Should they be members of the panel that the subcommittee has suggested or should they be involved in other ways. The Commission P & T subcommittee needs to be involved in extensive planning as well.

## 5. **Action Items**

- a. Featured invited guest: Dr. Joe Scarpaci, winner of the Alumni Award for Excellence in International Education

Dr. Shrum introduced Dr. Joe Scarpaci as the winner of the Alumni Award for Excellence in International Education. He thanked the Commission for the award he received last year. He spoke with the Commission about ways in which scholarship and international education worked for him in shaping his career, and then answered questions from the Commission.

- b. The Scholarship of Engagement: discussion on how to implement these strategies:
  - **Strategy 1.** Invite a faculty member to come to COIA meetings to briefly describe their outreach activity in context of scholarship; Gary Long and Barbara Bunn for December; Joe Scarpaci for January; Heike Mayer for February.
  - **Strategy 2.** COIA/Provost sponsor a dialogue in the spring semester; identify a couple of key academic leaders for this workshop.
  - **Strategy 3.** P&T subcommittee of the COIA defines quality indicators and transformative language as it relates to outreach and international affairs to be submitted to and approved by COIA, and then forwarded to the governance system.
- c. COIA Resolution 2004-2005  
Linda Burcham said the Staff Senate is voting electronically on this resolution, and no problems have been reported. Jim Pease said Faculty Senate had no problems with the resolution; however, the Faculty Senate president questioned if the Senate needed to approve it since the changes are for the By-Laws. It was clarified that the Commission wanted to have both the Faculty and Staff Senates approve this resolution which contained additional edits to the By-Laws, thus considered as a continuation from last year's changes in membership. The resolution will be sent to University Council for first reading on February 7.

## 6. **Information Items**

- **Awards Committee**  
Dr. Shrum said the call for nominations for the Alumni Awards for Outreach Excellence is being sent out today to Deans, Directors, and Department Heads. The call for the Alumni Awards for Excellence in International Education and Alumni Award for Excellence in International Outreach and Research will be sent out within the next week.
- **UCIA Report**  
Jack Davis gave a report from the UCIA. Approved UCIA minutes will be posted at the Outreach and International Affairs web site at [http://www.outreach.vt.edu/ucip/min\\_index.html](http://www.outreach.vt.edu/ucip/min_index.html).

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Price  
Recording Secretary