

## COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

### Minutes

February 7, 2008

- Attendance:** Ray Ali for Mark McCann, Mike Bertelsen for S. K. De Datta, Jan Helge Bøhn, Jeri Childers, Terry Clements, Erin Dolan, John Dooley, Gerhardt Schurig, Traian Iliescu, Osama Marzouk, Scott Tate, Jane Wemhoener
- Absence:** Andrew Becker, Sarah Burkett, Billie Jean Elmer, Devi Gnyawali, Susan Hagen, Alyssa Katz, Ewen McLean, Kevin Pelzer, Ted Settle, Max Stephenson, Chris Thomas
- Guest:** Jim Dubinsky

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Erin Dolan welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were self introductions.

2. **Agenda Approval**

The agenda was approved with agenda item #7, Review Policy Statement on Participation in International Exchange, being tabled due to Dr. Becker not being available for the discussion.

3. **Approval of Minutes, November 8, 2007**

The November 8, 2007 Minutes were approved electronically and have been forwarded to University Council for approval.

4. **Chairman's Report**

Erin Dolan reported from the January 29 Outreach Council meeting. Approved minutes will be posted at the Outreach and International Affairs web site at:

[http://www.outreach.vt.edu/council/council\\_min\\_index.html](http://www.outreach.vt.edu/council/council_min_index.html) and the February 4 University Council meeting. Approved minutes can be found at: <http://www.governance.vt.edu/minutes.php>

5. **Vice Chairman's Report**

**Alumni Award for Outreach Excellence**

The awards nominations deadline is March 19, 2008. A committee has been formed. Commission members were encouraged to remind faculty and staff in their colleges of the deadline. Names of college award winners have been received from Pamplin College of Business and College of Architecture and Urban Studies. College award winners are eligible for alumni awards.

6. **Student Engagement Task Force/Formation of the Center for Student Engagement and Community Partners**

Results and recommendations were reported from the Student Engagement Task Force. A handout of a PowerPoint presentation was shared and discussion followed. Base funding will be provided by the university with the center generating external resources from program sponsors or sponsored research. Further information may be obtained from Jeri Childers and John Dooley.

**7. Understanding Engagement and Engaged Scholarship**

An information sheet was discussed. Meetings will be held with Outreach Academy members and recipients of the college outreach awards in February and April. Forty-two faculty were contacted, and 10 faculty have confirmed their attendance. It was decided that recipients of Extension Excellence Awards should be included in the conversation. A refined definition will be prepared over the summer to share at the pre-conference at Outreach NOW.

**8. Review Policy Statement on Participation in International Exchange**

Report from University Council on International Affairs (UCIA)  
This agenda item was tabled until the March meeting.

**9. Outreach NOW 2008**

The theme “Promise of Campus-Community Partnerships: Learning Through Student Engagement” was proposed. Feedback for proposed changes on the theme is requested by the March meeting. Milestones of the proposed conference were discussed. Five faculty presentations have been proposed concurrently. Faculty will be the primary audience. Community partners and students will be invited this year as presenters for the workshops and, therefore, included in the conference.

**10. Reports**

**Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)**

Nominations for the Alumni Association Extension Excellence Award are being accepted with a deadline of February 8, 2008. A list of previous award recipients was provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Price  
Recording Secretary