

**COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
MINUTES
March 16, 2006**

Attendance: Scott Baker (telecon), Mike Barnett, Jeri Childers, S. K. De Datta, Jack Davis, John Dooley, Ken Eriksson, Will Eyestone, Susan Hagen, Saul Halfon for Eileen Crist, Osama Marzouk, Ewen McLean, Jim Pease, Judith Shrum, Rodney Thompson

Absence: Jennifer Abel, Linda Burcham, Erin Dolan, Gene Egger, Mark McCann, Susan Prillaman, Sharron Quisenberry, Glenda Scales, Ted Settle

1. Welcome and Introductions

Judith Shrum welcomed members. Self-introductions were made.

2. Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes, February 9, 2006

The February 9, 2006 Minutes were approved electronically and have been forwarded to University Council for approval.

4. Chairman's Report

Judith Shrum will forward the University Council minutes to the Commission electronically.

There are several on the COIA membership with expiring terms this May: Mike Bertelsen, Jim Pease, Rodney Thompson, Glenda Scales, Scott Baker, Jennifer Abel, Linda Burcham, Mike Barnett, Osama Marzouk. Judith Shrum asked that they contact their areas about their replacements for next year.

5. Vice-Chairman's Report

Ken Eriksson reported that outreach award nominations are due on Monday, March 20. One nomination for individual and one nomination for team have been received. The awards sub-committee members are Ken Eriksson, chair; Jeri Childers; Susan Hagen, Leon Geyer, and Jennifer Abel.

Names of college outreach excellence award winners should be sent to Linda Price as soon as the winners are identified for processing of plaques so they can be distributed to colleges for their award ceremonies.

Ken Eriksson reported on the March 14 Faculty Senate meeting.

6. Action Items

Jeri Childers shared an information update from the sub-committee on Outreach NOW 2006. She distributed a flyer on the event to be held on September 27, which contained deadlines for proposals, exhibits and registration. There was a discussion on the proposal, exhibits and registration processes. This year there will be an on-line registration. For the pre-conference event, three-member teams from each college will be invited to participate. Due to Mr. Sterling Speirn's unavailability as keynote speaker, another speaker will need to be invited. Several names were identified. A panel to review proposals for the pre-conference event needs to be identified: Ewin McLean volunteered to serve on

the panel, and it was suggested that participants from last year's Outreach NOW conference could be invited to participate on the proposal review team.

7. **Information Items**

- **University Council on International Affairs Report**

Jack Davis gave a report from the March meeting of 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.

Sarah Mitchem will send out the reminder for the international awards announcement. April 3 is the nomination deadline.

- **Outreach Council Report**

Judith Shrum will send out the Outreach Council minutes electronically. Approved Outreach Council minutes will be posted at the Outreach and International Affairs web site at

<http://www.outreach.vt.edu/council/index.html>.

- **Report from Nominating Committee for Slate of COIA Chair and Vice-Chair**

Committee: Rodney Thompson (Chair), Scott Baker, Glenda Scales and Mike Barnett

Rodney Thompson presented to the committee the slate of officers for next year as: Gene Egger, Chair; Ken Eriksson, Vice Chair. Judith Shrum asked for other nominations, but there were none. The slate will be voted on at the next meeting.

- Ralph Byers will be invited to the April meeting to discuss the impact on outreach and international affairs of the legislative actions for this year, as well as the restructuring of higher education.
- Mike Barnett reported that the Model UN conference will be held on March 17. He feels that attendance will be greater next year, and thanked the COIA for their assistance.

There being no further business, Judith Shrum asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Barnett made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Price
Recording Secretary