

**COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
MINUTES
November 9, 2006**

Attendance: Ray Ali for Mark McCann, Andrew Becker, Jan Helge Bøhn, S. K. De Datta, Erin Dolan, John Dooley, Ken Eriksson, Devi Gnyawali, Susan Hagen, Ewen McLean, Jim Pease, Susan Prillaman, Scott Tate, Ted Settle, Chris Thomas

Absence: Sarah Burkett, Jeri Childers, Travis Cochran, Eileen Crist, Gene Egger, Osama Marzouk, Kevin Pelzer, Gerhardt Schurig

Guest: Susan Felker

1. Welcome and Introductions

Ken Eriksson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ray Ali was welcomed as representing Mark McCann. Brad Fenwick was welcomed as the guest speaker for today's meeting.

2. Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes, October 12, 2006

The October 12 Minutes were approved electronically and have been forwarded to University Council for approval.

4. Action Item

Dr. Brad Fenwick, Vice President for Research, was the invited guest speaker. He shared a PowerPoint presentation and discussed his view of scholarship in the domain of discovery with respect to Outreach and International Affairs. A question and answer session followed.

5. New Business

A first reading of a proposal to create a university outreach center, Institute for Policy Governance, was distributed and discussed. Three institutes, namely the Institute for Policy Outreach (IPO), the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR), and the Institute for Governance and Accountabilities (IGA), will be housed under this Center. Suggestions from today's meeting will be incorporated into the proposal and brought back at the December meeting for a second reading. Once approved by the COIA, this will be the last step in the approval process.

6. Vice Chairman's Report

University Council – There was no October meeting.

Discussion of the COIA Awards Document and Proposed Academy for Outreach Excellence

An updated awards document was distributed and there was a short discussion. There will be further discussion at the December meeting.

At the next meeting, the issue of the purpose and goals of the Academy for Outreach Excellence will be revisited.

7. **Information Items**

Outreach NOW – 2006 Conference Assessment – Pre-Conference Workshop on Promotion and Tenure

This agenda item was postponed to the next meeting.

Outreach Council

The Outreach Council meets bi-monthly. The next meeting is scheduled on November 28. Approved Outreach Council minutes will be posted at the Outreach and International Affairs web site at <http://www.outreach.vt.edu/council/index.html>

University Council on International Affairs

The next meeting is scheduled on November 28. Approved UCIA minutes will be posted at the Outreach and International Affairs web site at http://www.outreach.vt.edu/ucip/min_index.html.

Extension Report

Ray Ali reported that faculty district agents throughout the Commonwealth have been recognized and rewarded for their contributions in Virginia Cooperative Extension. The winners for each district will be entered into a state competition.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Price
Recording Secretary