

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
MINUTES
October 11, 2007

Attendance: Andrew Becker, Jan Helge Bøhn, Jeri Childers, Terry Clements, S. K. De Datta, Erin Dolan, John Dooley, Lud Eng for Gerhardt Schurig, Devi Gnyawali, Billie Jean Elmer (telecon), Traian Iliescu, Alyssa Katz, Max Stephenson, Jane Wemhoener

Absence: Sarah Burkett, Susan Hagen, Osama Marzouk, Mark McCann, Ewen McLean, Kevin Pelzer, Scott Tate, Chris Thomas, Ted Settle

1. Welcome

Erin Dolan welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were self introductions, and Alyssa Katz introduced herself as a new member representing the Student Government Association.

2. Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes, September 13, 2007

The September 13, 2007 Minutes were approved electronically and have been forwarded to University Council for approval.

4. Chairman's Report

Jane Wemhoener will attend University Council this year when Erin Dolan is unavailable.

Erin Dolan shared information from the October 2 Outreach Council meeting.

5. Outreach NOW 2007

There were 184 participants at the Outreach NOW 2007 conference. Jeri Childers shared results of the on-line conference evaluation. There was a discussion about what aspects of the conference are particularly valuable.

- Dialogue of selected group of faculty with keynote speaker
- Options for networking long-term session
- Possible themes
- Keynote speaker
- How to involve stakeholders

Space has been reserved at The Inn on September 8 for the Outreach NOW 2008 Conference. A theme needs to be identified in January. This will need to be marketed by early March. Jane Wemhoener will explore the possibility of collaborating with CEUT on the long-term networking session.

6. Understanding Engagement and Engaged Scholarship

There was further discussion on the white paper on "Engagement at Virginia Tech Toward Defining our Future." Commission members shared the paper with their colleagues and reported feedback about the documents strengths and recommendations for improvement.

A committee consisting of Jeri Childers, Terry Clements and Jane Wemhoener will convene and revise the document using the input received at this meeting.

7. Reports

- **Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)**
No report.
- **University Council on International Affairs (UCIA)**
Andy Becker reported from the September 4 UCIA meeting. Approved UCIA minutes will be posted at the Outreach and International web site at http://www.outreach.vt.edu/ucip/min_index.html.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Price
Recording Secretary