

Commission on Outreach and International Affairs

2024-2025 Members

CHARGE: To study, formulate, and recommend to University Council policies and procedures that advance regional, national, and international efforts to fulfill the land-grant mission of enriching the quality of life and economic vitality of citizens around the world. The commission seeks to advance public engagement and globalization with knowledge generated by faculty and researchers in order to address complex societal challenges and enrich research and educational programs through these collaborative efforts. Areas for consideration include Cooperative Extension, cross-sectoral partnerships, graduate education and professional development programs, economic development programs, community engagement and leadership initiatives; and international program development and implementation. COIA will work with CUSP on issues regarding study abroad and international exchange programs and with CGPSP regarding graduate education across the Commonwealth.

Chair – Elected from the faculty & staff member of the Commission by the commission membership

Francisco Carvallo	Chair	2025
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Ex Officio (By virtue of position)

Guru Ghosh	Vice President for Outreach and International Affairs	ex officio
Vacant	Associate Vice President, International Affairs	ex officio
Susan Short	Associate Vice President for Engagement	ex officio
Mike Gutter	Director of Virginia Cooperative Extension	ex officio

Chair of the University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA) or designee

Thomas Archibald	Chair, UCIA	2025
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One dean selected by the Council of College Deans

Aimée Surprenant	Graduate School	2026
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Two Faculty Senators elected by Faculty Senate

Charles Lowery	School of Education	2026
Richard Shryock	Modern Classical Languages	2025

Faculty representatives from each of the academic colleges elected by faculty in the college

Penelope Muelenaer	Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine	2026
Diana Bairaktarova	Engineering	2027
Amanda Stewart	Agriculture and Life Sciences	2026
Katalin Parti	Liberal Arts and Human Sciences	2025
Susan Whitehead	Science	2027
Francisco Carvallo	Veterinary Medicine	2025
Lynn Resler	Natural Resources and Environment	2026
Jennifer Clevenger	Business	2027
Terry Clements	Arts, Architecture, and Design	2025

Three elected representatives of the Cooperative Extension non-ex officio A/P faculty (The Administrative and Professional Faculty Senate will provide names of elected individuals)

Eric Bendfeldt	Northern District Office	2027
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Abbigail Moore	Southwest Virginia 4-H Education Center	2026
Ashley Appling	Culpeper Cooperative Extension Service	2025

One Staff Senator elected by Staff Senate

Becki Smith	Advancement	2027
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One graduate and professional student senator elected by the Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Abdeali Jivaji	Biological Sciences	2025
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One undergraduate student senator elected by the Undergraduate Student Senate

Cristailia Laing	International Relations	2025
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Note: At least 2 faculty members on the Commission on Outreach and International Affairs will have experience in leading study abroad programs.