

**RESOLUTION TO REVISE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
BYLAWS  
COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (COIA)  
COIA 2014-2015A**

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**Whereas**, the Commission on Outreach and International Affairs (COIA) exists to study, formulate, and recommend to University Council policies and procedures concerning the engagement of the University in service, outreach, and international affairs; and

**Whereas**, the University Council on International Affairs (UCIA) reports to COIA on matters of policy related to international affairs; and

**Whereas**, the Bylaws of UCIA had not been revised for several years and needed updating; and

**Whereas**, UCIA and COIA have approved the recommended changes to the UCIA Bylaws;

**Therefore be it resolved**, that the University Council approve the recommendation from COIA to amend the UCIA Bylaws as follows:

Content changes:

- Article III, Goal 1 was modified to eliminate a two-tier presentation of academic disciplines at Virginia Tech (“Further the university’s eminence and reputation and international prominence across academic disciplines in science, technology, engineering, and agriculture, while building recognition in the social sciences, business, education, arts, and humanities” changed to “Further the university’s reputation and international prominence across academic disciplines”)
- Article III, Goal 3 was modified to remove an inference that UCIA plays a role in establishing curriculum (“...by imbuing an international flavor to curricular offerings” changed to “...fostering an internationalization of the curriculum”).
- Article IV. Membership. This section was streamlined and updated. Categories of membership were deleted since the individuals are identified in Section 1. Composition. The list was reorganized to better identify the constituencies and their representatives. New members were added, reflecting ad hoc practices of the past few years. Positions eliminated at the university, e.g., Director of the Punta Cana Center, were deleted.

- Article IV, Section 3. Term of Membership. This section was deleted since terms are unlimited.
- Article V. Officers. Section 2. Chairperson. This section was updated to reflect the past practice of electing the immediate past Vice Chairperson to the position of Chairperson. A sentence was added to emphasize the Chairperson's responsibility to convey the consensus of UCIA to the VP of OIA and to COIA.
- Article V. Sections 3 and 4, Vice Chairperson and Secretary. Modifications were made to eliminate redundant information and reflect past practice, e.g., length of term.
- Article VIII. Amendments. Sections 1 and 2. The statement in Section 1 requiring a two-thirds affirmative vote of all members of Council was deleted. In Section 2 the statement requiring an affirmative vote of a majority of members was introduced.

Additional changes:

- Terminology: "Education, research, and engagement" was adopted throughout to describe the tripartite academic mission.
- Streamlining and readability of text: Lengthy names repeated throughout were replaced with acronyms, e.g., Commission on Outreach and International Affairs with COIA.
- Deletions: A prefatory sentence following the Preamble that described the establishment of the UCIA was deleted. In several instances information was moved to another section of the document, e.g., the substance of Article VIII. Section 3 was moved to Section 2, and Section 3 was deleted.
- Style: Modifications to capitalization, grammar, phrasing, and punctuation were made.