

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minutes

February 21, 2013

3:30-4:30 p.m.

325 Burruss Hall

Attendance: Kathy Alexander, Carlyle Brewster, Andrea Brunais, Lee Cooper, Christine Fiori, Guru Ghosh, Ed Jones, Maryam Kamali, Andrew Overbay (via phone), Yannis Stivachtis, Elankumaran Subbiah

Absent: Onwubiko Agozino, Kirsten Buhls, Jack Davis, Peter Callan, Bilan Jama, Aditya Johri, Reed Kennedy, Ionnis Kokkinidis, Gary Long, Jerry Niles, Llyn Sharp, Susan Short, Bob Smith

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Christine Fiori welcomed everyone to the meeting. Self-introductions were made.

2. **Agenda Approval**

Christine made a call for the approval of the agenda; the agenda was moved to approve; seconded and was approved.

3. **Announcements**

Christine made the call for announcements. Andrea Brunais indicated there were some video news stories to include the Coalition for Refugees and a video from Haiti with soil scientists. Carlyle Brewster spoke about international initiatives committee for the College of Agriculture. Elankumaran Subbiah spoke about a partnership in Vet Med with Nottingham University regarding biotechnology and that their college will be searching for a new Dean. Chris announced the candidates for the VP for OIA position, Don Taylor and Chris Shove.

4. **Approval of Minutes, December 13, 2012**

The minutes from the December 13, 2012 were sent out electronically for updates; were updated accordingly and were sent onto University Council and to the University Governance website.

5. **Chairman's Report**

Christine reported on the University Council meetings from December 17, 2012 and February 4, 2013 to include the resolution presented for the first reading regarding Degree Interdisciplinary Doctoral program. The February 4th meeting had a second reading to the resolution, it was passed and moved.

Minutes from the December 17, 2012 University Council meeting are located at:

http://www.governance.vt.edu/univcouncil/ucminutes_12-17-12.pdf; and minutes from the February 4, 2013 meeting are located at: http://www.governance.vt.edu/univcouncil/ucminutes_02-04-13.pdf.

Christine talked about the Outreach Council meeting of November 29th, in which Scott Weimer presented concerning CPE and roundtable discussion projects.

6. **Vice-Chair's Report**

Carlyle Brewster discussed the progress concerning the applications for the Alumni Award for Outreach; with 11 individual and 6 team awards.

7. **Reports**

a. **Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)**

Ed Jones reported on the VCE. He indicated a good turnout for the winter conference, over 350 extension agents, the end of January. He indicated via reports and interaction with the group indicated everything went well. 224 agents are filled (14 or more are in process). The idea is to be at one's own

plateau and work will begin on additional initiatives. The General Assembly has not taken away anything will be given a request for food deserts.

b. University Council on International Affairs (UCIA) Meeting

Subbiah Elankumeran discussed the UCIA meeting from February 11, 2013. He indicated Student Abroad has released its first on-line newsletter with 105 subscribers. Studio Abroad has a web portal for Cranwell Center. There is a new process for Emergency phones for international phones. This would be a translation go School but may include translation for students to translators similar to a third party to perform this task. The web portal seems to be running well. Rachel contacted the Cranwell Center. There is a new process for emergency phones for international calls. Students cannot be used for this line of work. Also, clarification of the translation expert is needed, must use a third party. The will be a Spring Event to include 175 attendees and is in association with Diversity and Inclusion. Bob Smith has an international subcommittee, MOUs, Study Abroad issues to be shared with the group. Dr. Ghosh will be leading this discussion. The summary of actions for Strategy is internationally funding. Renovations at CESA should be taking place soon. All centers should be addressed. Additionally, trying to find funding for Chinese learning was discussed; the India initiative is moving slowly, but forward, Guru is traveling to India in March.

The IFDP is planned for the May 20th meeting. Participants have been selected and then Jerry goes on to Singapore and Malaysia.

Subbiah also spoke of the consortium later regarding global Health membership. A membership is being offered and our portion should be \$4,000; with VT Carilion in as a partner.

8. Engaged Scholar Nominations

Andrea spoke on asking for nominations for the OIA homepage, and a few names were given: Don Orth, Carla Finklestein, Brett Saddle, Akshay Sharma, Bryan Cloyd, and Annie Pearce.

9. Engagement Discussion

There is discussion about the survey being in process to gage engagement. The hope is by next meeting, measurement and assessment with a sample survey should yield a starting point. A sample survey rubrics sheet called "Building Capacity...Institution for Self-Assessment". Would need faculty, student and community support. Questions should arise from the sub-committee and a draft survey will be developed for next meeting.

10. Commission Board Member Comments

There were no comments.

There was a move to adjourn seconded; the meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 12-13 (All meetings will be from **3:30-4:30 p.m.** and will take place in 325 Burruss except as noted below)

March 21, 2013

April 18, 2013

May 9, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Rhodes
Recording Secretary