

# COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

## Minutes

March 15, 2012

3:30-4:00 p.m.

325 Burruss Hall

**Attendance:** Onwubiko Agozino, Jan Helge Bøhn, Carlyle Brewster, Andrea Brunais, Naomi Dam, Jack Davis, John Dooley, Christine Fiori, Guru Ghosh, Gary Long, Jerry Niles, Susan Short, Cathy Sutphin (on behalf of Ed Jones)

**Absent:** Mehmet Altin, Kirsten Buhls, Peter Callan, François Elvinger, Devi Gnyawali, Lori Greiner, Joao Macieira, Ed Jones, Reed Kennedy, Lenah Nguyen, John Provo, Bob Smith

### 1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Gary Long welcomed everyone. Self-introductions were made.

### 2. **Agenda Approval**

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

### 3. **Announcements**

Gary Long made the call for announcements. Gary welcomed Jerry Niles, Interim Vice President for Outreach and International Affairs, effective April 1, 2012.

John Dooley announced the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Morrill Act is this year. There will be several committees that are organizing various activities. Susan Short described a major event on April 25<sup>th</sup> which is being co-hosted by WVU. The April 25<sup>th</sup> event is taking place at Pipestem. The event will focus on energy and environment; with keynote speakers from the Department of energy. The Presidents from both Universities will be in attendance as well as 6-10 faculty colleagues for mutual collaborations. Satish Kulkarni is also heavily involved in the event. The website is up (<http://www.cpe.vt.edu/vtwvuenergy>); all are encouraged to register. Travel is about an hour and 15 minutes from Virginia Tech.

### 4. **Approval of Minutes, February 16, 2012**

Gary Long informed the council that the minutes for February 16, 2012 were sent out electronically for updates; were approved and were sent onto University Council and to the University Governance website.

### 5. **Chairman's Report**

Gary Long reported on the University Council meeting from February 20, 2012; which included some resolution clean-ups; conflicts of interest; research center; COS Affairs; and conviction checks for driving vehicles. Discussion included reporting all convictions. Minutes can be found at [http://www.governance.vt.edu/univcouncil/ucminutes\\_02-20-12.pdf](http://www.governance.vt.edu/univcouncil/ucminutes_02-20-12.pdf).

### 6. **Vice-Chairman's Report**

Christine Fiori reported that Dr. Carl Zipper won the individual award winner for the Alumni Award for Outreach Excellence. The pool for the team awards was not strong this year, therefore there will be no team award given this year. Those on the selection committee include: Christine Fiori, Gary Long, Andrew McCoy, Elizabeth Gilboy, Carlyle Brewster, and Susan Short.

Discussion included re-defining the guidelines for the awards. The commission may need to look at old definitions. Gary Long is to get together a task force to review; include a new name for the review and it

was suggested to include Jack Davis on the committee. Kim Rhodes will send the guidelines to all COIA members for input. Other volunteers included Gary Long and Christine Fiori to sit on the committee.

## **7. Reports**

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

Cathy Sutphin gave the VCE report and indicated that some of the extension agent positions will be re-filled. There are 220 agents now. There were several suggestions for the secretary report and state leadership council will have a meeting at VCU and address the council. The State Fair of Virginia filed for bankruptcy. There are contingency plans for state events. All extension faculty will be at The Inn next week and will listen to keynote speakers.

### **b. University Council on International Affairs (UCIA)**

Guru Ghosh gave the UCIA report. He indicated that a student voluntary health form for Study Abroad was brought forward from Pamplin and is working with legal. There were 16 nominations for the International Awards for Outreach Excellence, Research and Education. There was also a presentation by the Alumni Office; which included numbers of alumni all over the world. Cathy Sutphin suggested sending Guru the 4-H Health History forms for a template.

## **8. Commission Board Member Comments**

The agenda for next meeting might include Peggy Lane giving a presentation on eFars; to include the outline of reporting domains. The desire is to make sure Outreach and International Affairs are appropriately represented and the way it is defined.

Next meeting the commission will need to vote on ex officio membership; change the by-laws to updated list.

Kim Rhodes is to send out the COIA membership; the by-laws to be reviewed and updated and the information regarding the eFars presentation.

### **FUTURE COIA MEETINGS (all meetings from 3:30-4:30 p.m. locations listed below)**

April 19, 2012-325 Burruss Hall

May 3, 2012-325 Burruss Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Rhodes  
Recording Secretary