

# COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

## Minutes

April 14, 2016; 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Gateway Center; 902 Prices Fork Road; Suite 120

**Attendance:** Bonnie Alberts, Jan Helge Bøhn, Andrea Brunais, Howard Chung, Guru Ghosh, Ed Jones, Jenn Mackay, Karl Markgraf, Nicole Sanderlin, Michael Schwarz (via phone), Eric Vance

**Absent:** Montasir Abbas, Kathy Alexander, Dave Close, Henri de Hahn, Brian Hairston, Reed Kennedy, Djordje Minic, Channing Mitchell, Gerhardt Schurig, Susan Short, Elizabeth Spiller

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

Jan Helge Bøhn welcomed the group; self-introductions were made.

### 2. **Agenda Approval**

Jan Helge announced an addition to the end of the agenda which was to discuss Chair of COIA nominations for next year.

Discussion of the slate of eligible members to serve as Chair of COIA included: Bonnie Alberts, Kathy Alexander, Jan Helge Bøhn, Dave Close, Brian Hairston, Reed Kennedy and Djorde Minic.

Jan Helge made the call for approval of the agenda with the addition; motion to approve was made; was seconded and approved.

### 3. **Announcements**

No announcements were made.

### 4. **Approval of Minutes, March 17, 2016**

The minutes from the March 17, 2016 meeting were approved electronically and forwarded to University Council. They will be posted to the University Governance website upon approval by University Council. Minutes can be found at: <http://www.governance.vt.edu/>.

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

The University Council meeting from April 4, 2016 are located at: <http://www.governance.vt.edu/>. Items to note included the second readings of the Commission on Undergraduate Studies (CUSP) and Polices resolutions to approve three (3) new majors: International Public Policy, International Relations and National Security and Foreign Affairs in Bachelor of Arts in International Studies. New business included two (2) resolutions from CUSP: Revision to PPM 11b, Prohibiting Students from Repeating Courses to Improve Grade Averages; and Resolution to Adopt the Implementation Plan for the Pathways General Education Curriculum to Guide Implementation of Resolution CUSP 2014-15H.

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

Eric Vance indicated that the announcements for the winners of the Alumni Affairs Award for Outreach Excellence should start being announced April 25<sup>th</sup>.

### 7. **Reports**

a. **Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)**-Ed Jones spoke about an exchange program where there will be two (2) agents traveling to Ireland this summer and two (2) representatives from Ireland will be arriving next week. Additionally two (2) agents that were conducting 4-H activities just returned from Senegal.

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

Nicole Sanderlin gave an update on the UCIA meeting from March 28, 2016. Minutes from previous meetings are located at: [https://www.outreach.vt.edu/UCIA/minutes\\_index.html](https://www.outreach.vt.edu/UCIA/minutes_index.html). Nicole reported that Matt Winston, Senior Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations presented at the UCIA meeting. His presentation focused on connecting with international alumni and the overall Advancement initiative. Matt wants to connect with the U.S. students who have had international experience and set up a reunion. He spoke about a new system to track alumni overseas.

There has been a \$30,000 grant awarded to Service without Borders that will support the post-earthquake relief efforts in Nepal. The grant will assist in a future project to work with water projects.

The Language and Culture Institute announced the arrival of the Humphrey Fellows; the Global Education Office will have their spring pre-departure orientation on April 20<sup>th</sup>; and there was a Fulbright reception on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. The Alumni Awards for International Excellence have been chosen and notified and the announcement will come from Special Events soon.

**c. Second Reading; UCIA By-Laws Change in Membership**

Nicole announced that according to University Council, the by-laws change in membership for UCIA does not require approval from University Council. Therefore once COIA approves of the change, the process is complete. Kim O'Rourke suggested changes to the by-laws which would solidify this process in addition to change UCIA from a council to a university operation committee. The changes to the UCIA by-laws will need to be discussed by UCIA with readings and approval and then brought to COIA for readings and approval.

The second reading was presented to add a representative from the Corps of Cadets to the UCIA membership. All members present voted in favor of this change; absent members are sending their votes in electronically. Notice will go out to the group once votes are in.

**8. Discussion of Chair of COIA for 2016-2017**

As an added discussion item, the following members were nominated: Bonnie Alberts, Kathy Alexander, Jan Helge Böhn, Dave Close, Brian Hairston, Reed Kennedy and Djorde Minic. Bonnie declined the nomination. The motion was seconded, the members will be notified of their nomination and will be given a chance to accept or decline the nomination and voting will take place at the May 5, 2016 meeting.

**9. Commission Board Member Comments**

Guru Ghosh announced that Karl Markgraf and Randy Penson gave a presentation to the Safety and Security Committee meeting with regard to faculty and students abroad and how to respond in an emergency. Information also included faculty saving for contingencies and the policy for funding. Karl is to revise the policy for contingency funding and cancelled programs. Discussion included different models of setting up funding.

Nicole announced that the International Street fair was taking place this Sunday in downtown Blacksburg from noon-5 p.m.

Michael Schwarz announced several events including applied nutrition in the Philippines; hazard control training; aquaculture society; sustainable development in aquaculture; a Virginia investor working with Virginia State and Virginia Tech for programs in Ghana; and a VCE Aquaculture training and continuing education workshop in Petersburg on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Guru announced that Karl and Susan Short will be presenting to the Board of Visitors (BOV) on the Engagement and International Affairs portfolio in conjunction with board member, Dennis Treacy's visit overseas and Muni Muniappan will be presenting on IPM.

Jan Helge announced that he and Don Back would be traveling to Germany for the Hannover Messe International Trade Show.

Andrea Brunais indicated that VT News would be releasing the Hannover Messe, International Trade Show story as a top story.

Motion to adjourn was made; seconded and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Rhodes  
Recording Secretary

**TENTATIVE MEETING DATES FOR 2015-2016**

(All meetings will be from 3:30-4:30 p.m. and will take place at the Gateway Center-902 Prices Fork)

May 5, 2016