

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minutes

May 3, 2012

3:30-4:00 p.m.

325 Burruss Hall

Attendance: Onwubiko Agozino, Mehmet Altin, Jan Helge Bøhn, Carlyle Brewster, Andrea Brunais, Kirsten Buhls (via phone), Naomi Dam, Jack Davis, Lori Greiner, Gary Long, Jerry Niles, Susan Short, Llyn Sharp (visitor)

Absent: Peter Callan, François Elvinger, Christine Fiori, Guru Ghosh, Devi Gnyawali, Ed Jones, Joao Macieira, 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. There were no announcements at this time.

4. **Approval of Minutes, April 19, 2012**

Gary Long informed the council that the minutes for April 19, 2012 were sent out electronically for updates; and are in the process of being approved and will be sent onto University Council and to the University Governance website.

5. **Chairman's Report**

Gary Long discussed the University Council meeting of April 30, 2012. The meeting included the first reading for language to the faculty handbook to be revised in accordance with federal compliance. Also discussed was the Graduate Studies Commission regarding discontinuing the Master of Information Systems and to be taken off the books. Minutes are located at: http://www.governance.vt.edu/univcouncil/ucminutes_04-30-12.pdf.

6. **Other**

Follow up Discussion on eFARs: As a follow-up to Peggy Layne's presentation on the eFARs project from last meeting, the group offered some thoughts. A suggestion was made to include modern and consistent language. For example, Engagement, Discovery and Learning should be used in the project in accordance with the University Strategic Plan. Inclusion of Extension into the Engagement portion was also suggested. Discussion centered around Engagement and the many definitions it brings. A suggestion was made to perform a mark-up of the eFAR system and bring it forth. Jerry Niles could request a paper copy of the eFARs; and discussion between Jack Davis and Gary Long and anyone else from the commission could take place.

Plans for Next Year: Discussion included commissions reviewing how research and international activities can be improved.

Discussions could continue in the fall and current members were invited back to continue discussions. If there are any issues that may need to be discussed for next year, please let Jerry Niles, Susan Short or Guru Gosh know so they may be brought to the commission.

Discussion should include the Alumni Awards and the language of the criteria. Kim will send out the language to the commission members.

7. Reports

a. University Council on International Affairs (UCIA)

Since Reed Kennedy was unable to attend, the UCIA minutes were sent prior to the meeting electronically for the commission's review.

8. Commission Board Member Comments

Susan Short thanked Gary Long for his service as Chair of the commission.

A motion to adjourn was made; seconded and the commission was adjourned.

PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 12-13 (subject to approval by Christine Fiori, Chair 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)

September 6, 2012 3-3:30 p.m. Orientation for New Members

September 6, 2012 3:30-4:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

October 18, 2012

November 15, 2012

December 13, 2012

NO JANUARY MEETING

February 21, 2013

March 21, 2013

April 18, 2013

May 9, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Rhodes
Recording Secretary