

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minutes

May 5, 2016; 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Gateway Center; 902 Prices Fork Road; Suite 120

Attendance: Bonnie Alberts, Jan Helge Bøhn, Andrea Brunais, Dave Close, Guru Ghosh, Joe Hunnings (for Ed Jones), Jenn Mackay, Channing Mitchell, Nicole Sanderlin, Michael Schwarz (via phone), Gerhardt Schurig, Eric Vance

Absent: Montasir Abbas, Kathy Alexander, Howard Chung, Henri de Hahn, Brian Hairston, Ed Jones, Reed Kennedy, Karl Markgraf, Djordje Minic, Susan Short, Elizabeth Spiller

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

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

2. **Agenda Approval**

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

3. **Announcements**

No announcements were made.

4. **Approval of Minutes, April 14, 2016**

The minutes from the April 14, 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 18, 2016 and May 2, 2016 are located at: <http://www.governance.vt.edu/>. Items to note included the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies' (CUSP) second reading of the resolution to revise PPM 11b, prohibiting Students from repeating courses to improve grade averages and the second reading of the resolution from CUSP to adopt the implementation plan for the Pathways General Education Curriculum to guide Implement of Resolution. New business included the first reading of resolution from the Commission of Equal Opportunity and Diversity (CEOD) to update CEOD membership to include caucus representatives; the resolution to approve intersectional diversity in Pathways Curriculum; the resolution from the Commission on Faculty Affairs to approve collegiate professor series for non-tenure track instructional faculty members; the resolutions from the Commission on Student Affairs to revise and expand the statement of self-reporting and bystander intervention for the Student Code of Conduct; the resolution for the expansion of the drug policy for the Student Code of Conduct; the resolutions from CUSP to approve the following new majors: Clinical Neuroscience, Cognitive and Behavior Neuroscience, Experimental Neuroscience, Computational and Systems Neuroscience; and the resolution to establish guidelines for independent study and undergraduate research. The May 2, 2016 meeting included the second reading for all new business from the April 18th meeting.

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

Eric Vance reported that the winners of all the Alumni Affairs awards have been publically announced. The winners for the Alumni Award for Outreach Excellence were Annie Pearce (individual) and Marc Edwards and the Flint Water Team (team award). He continued the discussion for us to consider the name change of the award, which will need to be requested by the Chair of COIA and sent to Matt Winston. Suggestions included Alumni Award for Engagement Excellence. Additionally, Eric indicated that the verbiage for the eligibility criteria with regard to the team awards should be clarified to further define the team award winners. A team should have a faculty lead, and that the team could include other non-faculty members. Discussion also included the Academy of Outreach Excellence; and while it is not an active Academy that we should still keep the members as being in the Academy, and perhaps to address the activities of the Academy at a future date.

Nicole Sanderlin reported on the Alumni Awards for International Education; Outreach and Research. The winners were: Lori Blanc received the Alumni Award for Excellence in International Education; Jianfeng Zheng received the Alumni Award for Excellence in International Outreach and Rolf Müller received the Alumni Award for Excellence in International Research.

Nicole also mentioned that David Club, current Vice Chair of the University Council on International Affairs, will become the Chair for next academic year.

7. Election of Chair for 2016-2017

Kimberly Rhodes read the slate of COIA members that were eligible to serve as Chair for next academic year, due to Eric Vance being unable to serve. Bonnie Alberts, Kathy Alexander, Jan Helge Bøhn, Dave Close, Brian Hairston, Reed Kennedy and Djorde Minic are eligible. These members were contacted by email, and all declined the nomination except Jan Helge and Dave. The motion to nominate Dave was made, seconded, all present were in favor. Kim will let April Myers know.

8. Reports

a. **Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)**-Joe Hunnings had nothing new to report.

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

Nicole Sanderlin gave an update on the UCIA meeting from April 25, 2016. Minutes from previous meetings are located at: https://www.outreach.vt.edu/UCIA/minutes_index.html. Nicole reported that the Humphrey Fellows are in Blacksburg, and are being hosted by the Language Culture Institute (LCI). LCI is looking for conversation partners for the fellows. The Fulbright finalists were announced; and competition is now open for Fulbrights for next year. The winners are: Matthew “Jake” Mathey, BS, Mechanical Engineering: English Teaching Assistantship (Poland); Nora Salem, MFA, Creative Writing: “Understanding Islamic Feminism through Personal and Public Spirituality” (Malaysia) and Andrew Gaddis, VTCSOM: “Exchanges Beyond Needles at Insite, North America’s Only Supervised Injection Site” (Canada). The Office of Global Education is handling the Fulbright process.

9. University Global Recruiting Plan

Our guests, Juan Espinoza and Mildred Johnson, did not attend for the presentation.

10. Commission Board Member Comments

Michael Schwarz announced many projects that were going on in his area, to include the Indo-Us 21st Century Knowledge Initiative (OSI) – 2015 of which VT is a partner; workshops coming in July; World Aquaculture Society to take place in Cape Town in 2017 & in 2018 in Montpellier, France; the 11th annual International Conference on Recirculating Aquaculture & 2016 Aquaculture Innovation Workshop to be held on August 19-21 in Roanoke.

Jan Helge described the Hannover Messe, Germany Exhibition April 25-29, 2016 which included President Obama, Governor McAuliff, and many representatives from Virginia Tech. The exhibition brought together many people from the U.S. to Germany to strengthen partnerships between businesses including industrial enterprises, products and machines.

Motion to adjourn was made; seconded and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Rhodes
Recording Secretary

TENTATIVE MEETING DATES FOR 2016-2017

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

September 15, 2016	3-3:30 p.m.-COIA Orientation for new members
September 15, 2016	3:30-4:40 p.m.-Regular meeting for all members
October 20, 2016	
November 17, 2016	
December 15, 2016	
NO MEETING IN JANUARY	
February 16, 2017	
March 16, 2017	
April 20, 2017	
May 11, 2017	