

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minutes

September 8, 2011

3:30-4:30 p.m.

325 Burruss Hall

Attendance: Mehmet Altin, Jan Helge Bohn, Carlyle Brewster, Kirsten Buhls, Naomi Dam, Jack Davis, John Dooley, François Elvinger, Christine Fiori, Devi Gnyawali, Lori Greiner, Ed Jones, Reed Kennedy, Gary Long

Absent: Onwubiko Agozino, Andrea Brunais, Peter Callan, Guru Ghosh, Joao Macieira, Lenah Nguyen, John Provo, Susan Short, Bob Smith, Janell Watson

1. Welcome and Introductions

Gary Long welcomed everyone. Self-introductions were made.

Gary Long gave the charge to the Commission.

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 announced that all correspondence will be in PDF format and gave information on future meetings.

John Dooley announced that Governor McDonnell will be on campus hosting a business forum tomorrow afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Members were invited to attend. Dr. Dooley also expressed his gratitude to the Commission for their involvement with the searches for the Associate Vice President for International Affairs and the Associate Vice President for Engagement.

4. Approval of Minutes, May 5, 2011

Gary Long informed the council on the process of approving the Minutes. The Minutes will be sent electronically; if members do not send corrections then the Minutes are automatically approved and will be forwarded to the University Council and to the University Governance website. The minutes for the May 5, 2011 meeting were approved electronically and sent to the University Governance website.

5. Chairman's Report

Gary Long had nothing to report at this time. The meeting of the Commission Chairs, hosted by President Steger, is scheduled for September 12, 2011. He will report to the Commission at the next meeting.

Since the University Council has not met, there is nothing to report at this time.

6. Election of Vice-Chairman

Gary Long called for nominations for the Vice-Chair for COIA. After going through the list of eligible members, a nomination for Christine Fiori was made; it was voted on. Christine Fiori was named the Vice-Chair for COIA for 2011-2012

7. Reports

a. Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)

Ed Jones spoke about a study by the Secretary of Education, Laura Fornash, which will be looking at the structure and how it compares to other institutions and also the budget structure. The study will be completed by November 1, 2011.

The General Assembly reduced the deficit by one million dollars, which now makes it possible to hire twenty-five new agents. The hiring process has been started and it should be completed by October.

There will be an All State In-service Agents meeting in January.

The federal budget is still unknown at this time.

It was suggested that at a future meeting Ed Jones present to the broader group a better understanding of the relationship between the specialist and the agent. Also, it was suggested that the utilization of volunteers be included as a part of that presentation.

b. University Council on International Affairs (UCIA)

Reed Kennedy spoke about the recent UCIA meeting. Discussion at the UCIA meeting included mandatory health and evacuation insurance for students participating in Virginia Tech officially sponsored study abroad programs; funding for faculty salaries for summer abroad programs; International Strategic Plan; improving housing for exchange students and visiting scholars; concept of a Global Competence certificate; orientation for faculty that go on Study Abroad programs; and students going to countries where travel warnings are in place. It was suggested that orientation for faculty that go on Study Abroad programs be made mandatory. UCIA will need to forward to the Commission a recommendation that will be brought before the University Council and made policy.

8. Engagement White Paper Discussion

This item will be carried over to the next meeting.

It was suggested that the new Associate Vice President for Engagement, Susan Short, be given the charge.

9. Commission Board Member Comments

John Dooley made comments on the:

- International Strategic Planning process.
- STEM education.
- Student Engagement
- Internationalization of the university

Gary Long discussed

- The Engagement Academy. He would like to see the teams talking to Dr. Susan Short and then report back to the Commission on the outcomes.
- Awards and how the Engagement Academy can be more involved.
- Measurement of engagement activities and the impact overtime.

FUTURE COIA MEETINGS (all meetings from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in 325 Burruss)

October 20, 2011

November 17, 2011

December 15, 2011 – Location: 210 Burruss – President’s Board Room

No January 2012 Meeting

February 16, 2012

March 15, 2012

April 19, 2012

May 3, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary