

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minutes

November 12, 2015; 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Gateway Center; 902 Prices Fork Road; Suite 120

Attendance: Bonnie Alberts, Kathy Alexander, Jan Helge Bøhn, Andrea Brunais, Howard Chung, David Clubb (for Nicole Sanderlin), Ed Jones, Reed Kennedy, Channing Mitchell, Gerhardt Schurig, Michael Schwarz (via phone), Eric Vance, Heather Evans (guest), James Harder (guest), Katherine Keeney (guest), Judy Ridinger (guest), Robert Stephens (guest)

Absent: Montasir Abbas, Dave Close, Guru Ghosh, Brian Hairston, Jenn Mackay, Karl Markgraf, Djordje Minic, Nicole Sanderlin, 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. **Beyond Boundaries-Creating a Vision for 2047 Virginia Tech as a Global Landgrant University**

Robert Stephens lead the discussion outlining the living laboratories model. Overview included 1) Experiments involving both teaching and research; 2) Extension Model; 3) Family; 4) Disaster Scenario which includes adaptable and resilient situations as they relate to the university. The different scenarios were presented from the Global land-grant committee working document (**see attached**). Scenarios included Bill Hopkins' *Living Laboratory Scaled for the World*; Tyler Walters' *Developing Countries, Developing Infrastructures*; and Anisa Zvonkovic's *Preparing Students for Jobs/Life We Don't Even Know Exist*.

Discussion included a look at the website: <http://www.beyondboundaries.vt.edu/about.html>; and how Virginia Tech can advance as a global land-grant institution.

The global land-grant white paper; *Envisioning Virginia Tech Beyond Boundaries* was also discussed with the group (**see attached**).

Discussion included how can we uplift Virginia Tech so people will want to be a part and how can we prioritize issues that are global and have become our issues.

Katherine Keener indicated that future conversations could occur over email; COIA is invited to send additional comments to her.

4. **Announcements**

The meeting concluded after item #3.

5. **Approval of Minutes, September 17, 2015**

See item #4 above (The minutes from the September 17, 2015 meeting were sent out electronically for approval and will be posted to the University Governance website upon approval by University Council. Minutes can be found at: <http://www.governance.vt.edu/>.)

6. Chairman's Report

See item #4 above.

7. Vice-Chairman's Report

See item #4 above.

8. Reports

a. Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)

See item #4 above.

b. University Council on International Affairs (UCIA) Meeting

See item #4 above. (Minutes located at:

https://www.outreach.vt.edu/UCIA/minutes_index.html)

9. Discussion of COIA Projects for 2015-2016.

See item #4 above.

10. Commission Board Member Comments

See item #4 above.

Members left gradually after 4:35 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)

December 10, 2015

NO JANUARY MEETING

February 18, 2016

March 17, 2016

April 14, 2016

May 5, 2016