

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minutes

April 18, 2024; 3:30-4:30 p.m.

120 Gateway/ZOOM

Attendance (in person): Dave Close (Presiding)

Attendance (via Zoom): Jan Helge Bøhn, Francisco Carvallo, Terry Clements, Mike Gutter, Kristin Lamoureux, Charles Lowery, Lauren Maghak, Jennifer Nardine, Lynn Resler, John Richey, Megan Seibel, Susan Short, Richard Shryock

Absent with Notice: Guru Ghosh, Katalin Parti, Angela Scarpa, Judy Taylor

Absent without Notice: Paul Knox, Kenner Love, Penny Muelenaer, Martin Ochoa

Guests: Kathy Hager, Lori Rose

Welcome and Self-Introductions: The meeting was called to order 3:32 p.m. Dave Close welcomed the group. Self-introductions were made; quorum was established.

1. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Dave asked for a motion to approve the Agenda, A motion was made by Jan Helge Bøhn; seconded by Francisco Carvallo; there was no discussion, edits or opposition; all were in favor; the Agenda was approved.
2. **Announcement of Approval of Minutes, March 21, 2024:** Minutes from the March 21, 2024 meeting were sent out electronically for edits and were approved electronically. The minutes were sent to the Governance Information System; and can be found on the web (<http://www.governance.vt.edu/>).
3. **Acceptance of Constituent Reports and/or Minutes:**
 - A. **Chairman's Report:** Dave gave the update on the University Council meeting of April 1, 2024 and indicated there were three (3) resolutions presented for second reading and voting: Commission on Faculty Affairs-Resolution CFA 2023-24B Resolution to Approve Revised Extension Faculty Tracks (https://governance.vt.edu/assets/20240401-03_CFA_Resolution_2023-24B.pdf); Commission on Faculty Affairs Resolution CFA 2023-24C Resolution to Form a Task Force to Study Instructor Workloads and Salaries (https://governance.vt.edu/assets/20240401-04_CFA_Resolution_2023-24C.pdf); University Council Resolution UC 2023-24B Resolution to Revise the University Council Constitution (https://governance.vt.edu/assets/20240401-05_UC_Resolution_2023-24B.pdf). The first reading of the resolution from the Commission on Graduate and Professional Student Affairs Resolution CGPSA 2023-24A Resolution to Protect Against Caste & Caste-Based Discrimination was deferred to the May meeting. There was some discussion as to whether the resolution had gone through all required constituent groups. (https://governance.vt.edu/assets/20240401-06_CGPSA_Resolution_2023-24A.pdf).

Dave asked the group what would make COIA meetings valuable to members. He challenged members to explore the question and how collaborations with OIA and partners across campus can make meeting more engaging. Susan Short offered to include more guest presenters that could share the good work that is going on both domestically as well as globally; no matter how brief of a presentation. Many people agreed with guest presenters, while some members were unclear of what information should be shared back with the areas they are representing. Other members felt there was an overload of emails disseminating information with some areas having information overload. Members were tasked with thinking about the question and sending suggestions to Dave for future discussions.

B. Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE): Mike Gutter talked about the Commonwealth Agriculture Summit that included State and Commonwealth leaders engaged in talks, assessments, brainstorming and breakout sessions as well as discussion of opportunities in the agricultural industry.

C. University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA): Jennifer Nardine presented the report for UCIA. A presentation on Global Strategic Services (GSS) employee responsibilities was made with the Cranwell Center handling international students. International Education Week is set to occur on

November of 2024 if you would like to volunteer, just let us know. The Global Distinction group was defined as bringing global talent to Virginia Tech; Global at home is working on the global learning badge; the website for international activity has spanned many areas across campus and the process has become more involved; the global newsletter will be distributed once a semester but will not come out over the summer unless there is a need. The search for the new Cranwell Director is underway; the white paper for the Global Strategic Report is with the Provost; and the three International Alumni Awards will no longer be offered. The award for International Research is being blended with other Alumni Research awards.

D. Engagement Leadership Council: Susan asked Mike to provide a presentation to the Engagement Leadership Council regarding information his team has gathered from the statewide listening tour. Susan updated the group with the following announcements: the 2024 Engagement Scholarship Consortium annual conference will be hosted by Oregon State University in Portland, October 9-10, 2024; the 2025 annual conference will be held at The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center October 8-9, 2025 and will be supported by east regional member institutions. The leadership team is making updates to the Carnegie Foundation 2026 elective classification for Community Engagement and is moving forward with a draft survey in order to gather exemplary examples of authentic, mutually beneficial community engagement projects. The next Engagement Leadership Council meeting will be held on June 6, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

4. Announcements/Commission Board Member Comments: The call for announcements and comments was made. Mike indicated that VCE will be working on strategic planning June through December of this year and has called on Susan and other members of COIA for their involvement.

5. Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Jennifer Nardine, seconded by Francisco Carvallo; all were in favor the meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

The next meeting will be **May 2, 2024 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.; 120 Gateway/Zoom.**

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Rhodes, Recording Secretary

PROPOSED DATES FOR 2023-2024 (Meetings 3:30-4:30 p.m. unless indicated otherwise)
May 2, 2024

TENTATIVE MEETING DATES FOR 2024-2025 (All meetings will take place at either 120 Gateway Center-902 Prices Fork or Zoom)

- September, 2024 3:00-3:30 p.m.-ORIENTATION FOR NEW MEMBERS
- September, 2024 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- October, 2024 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- November, 2024 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- December, 2024 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- NO JANUARY MEETING**
- February, 2025 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- March, 2025 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- April, 2025 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- May, 2025 3:30-4:30 p.m.