

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minutes

November 17, 2022; 3:30-4:30 p.m.

120 Gateway/Zoom

Attendance (in person): Jan Helge Bøhn-Presiding, Francisco Carvallo, Dave Close, Guru Ghosh, Ben Grove (for Mike Gutter)

Attendance (via Zoom): Jessica Agnew, Terry Clements, Sameen Hanan, Farida Jalalzai, Penny Muelenaer, Robert Oliver, Katalin Parti (for Bonnie Zare), Carlos Saint Preux, Peter Schmitthenner, Megan Seibel, Susan Short

Guests: Kathy Hager, Rich Mathieson

Absent with Notice: Mike Gutter, Don Hempson, Paul Knox, Angela Scarpa, Bonnie Zare

Absent: David Brinberg, Kenner Love, Richard Shryock

Welcome and Self-Introductions: Jan Helge Bøhn called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. and welcomed the group. Self-introductions were made; visual attendance was also taken; a quorum was established.

1. **Adoption of Agenda:** Jan Helge called for a motion to approve the agenda; a motion was made; seconded; no discussion; all were in favor; the agenda was approved.
2. **Announcement of Approval of Minutes, October 20, 2022:** Minutes from the October 20, 2022 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. **Vice-Chair Awards Selection Committee:** As was announced by email, Dave Close is the Vice-Chair for COIA for 2022-2023. Dave reported that the announcement for the Alumni Awards for Outreach Excellence for both the individual and team awards went out in the E-Daily News, as well as to various colleges, departments and leadership across the University. The selection committee is in process.
4. **Acceptance of Constituent Reports and/or Minutes:**
 - A. **Chairman's Report:** University Council meetings since last meeting have been cancelled. Approved University Council meeting minutes can be found at: <https://governance.vt.edu/meeting-materials.php>.
 - B. **Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE):** Ben Grove gave the report for VCE. VCE hosted the Appalachian Region Extension Health Summit November 3 – 4 at the Hotel Roanoke. Over 100 people from 12 states in Central Appalachia participated. The purpose was to affirm and support Cooperative Extension's role in place-based initiatives for building equitable, resilient, and thriving communities in which lifelong health and well-being are within everyone's reach.
 - C. **Engagement Leadership Council:** There was not a meeting since the last COIA meeting.
 - D. **University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA):** Farida Jalalzai summarized the meeting from October 24th that included: Iuliia Hoban's presentation on International Education Week (November 10-14) which gave opportunities for colleges and units to facilitate awareness; sessions for Fulbrights; cooking demonstrations and Study Abroad opportunities. There were about 20-30 participants, and the thought is for the event to grow and give more awareness. Jennifer Nardine was elected Vice-Chair of UCIA and will be leading the selection committee for the Alumni Awards for International Education, Outreach and Research (three individual awards). The call for their awards has also gone out; last year there were many good submissions, but they lacked diversity. Conversations at UCIA included uplifting diverse submissions for this year. The working groups provided updates; November 28th is the next UCIA meeting.

Jan Helge asked if there were any suggestions of how to publicize the awards more. Suggestions included list serves and reaching out to College Award winners from previous years. Discussion included that there was a perception that awards are not valued; and the value of the award was not equivalent to the work put in to get a packet together. The suggestion was made to highlight previous winners from the past three (3) years in a lead up to when the call goes out in November for next year. Discussion included the lead up could happen after the announcement in May and go through late October. The question was raised what motivates people to apply for awards, and the possibility of surveying previous winners. A sub-committee was suggested and includes Bob Oliver as the main contact for faculty; Dave Close and Penny Muelenaer will assist through this academic

year. If colleges could send a note to Bob O. for suggested nominees, he and the committee could work on contacting nominees.

5. **Call for Announcements/Commission Board Member Comments:** The call for announcements and comments was made; Guru Ghosh gave recognition to CALS Global for their leadership; specifically Jessica Agnew and Tom Thompson for highlighting the GAP report and Virginia Tech's role in the event on both a national and international level.

The next meeting will take place on December 8, 2022.

6. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made; seconded; all were in favor; the meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Rhodes, Recording Secretary

PROPOSED DATES FOR 2022-2023 *(Meetings 3:30-4:30 p.m. unless indicated otherwise)*

- December 8, 2022
- NO JANUARY MEETING
- February 16, 2023
- March 16, 2023
- April 20, 2023
- May 4, 2023