

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minutes

December 8, 2022; 3:30-4:30 p.m.

120 Gateway/Zoom

Attendance (in person): Francisco Carvallo, Kristin Lamoureux (for David Brinberg), Penny Muelenaer, Angela Scarpa

Attendance (via Zoom): Jan Helge Bohn (Presiding), Jessica Agnew, Dave Close, Mike Gutter, Farida Jalalzai, Paul Knox, Kenner Love, Peter Schmitthenner, Megan Seibel, Susan Short, Richard Shryock, Bonnie Zare

Guests: Kathy Hager, Dee Harris, Rich Mathieson

Absent with Notice: Guru Ghosh, Don Hempson

Absent: Terry Clements, Sameen Hanan, Robert Oliver, Carlos Saint-Preux

Welcome and Self-Introductions: Jan Helge Bohn called the meeting to order at 3:35 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, November 17, 2022:** Minutes from the November 17, 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. **Acceptance of Constituent Reports and/or Minutes:**
 - a. **Chairman's Report:** From the University Council Report on December 5, 2022, Jan Helge Bohn reported there were two (2) items of new business. The first resolution was from the Commission of Equal Opportunity and Diversity. It has been proposed that two (2) of the four (4) open positions on University Council should be permanently filled by members from the Black Caucus and the two (2) remaining positions be on an annual rotation between the 10 other caucuses. The second resolution was from the Commission for Undergraduate Studies & Policies which proposed students coming to Virginia Tech from other U.S. universities seeking another Bachelor Degree have the General Education requirements waived even if there is not a perfect match with Virginia Tech as long as they are from an accredited university which would match the current Virginia Community College System transfer requirements.
 - b. **Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE):** Megan Seibel welcomed Mike Gutter who attended by Zoom and was traveling with Ben Grove visiting VCE locations across the state. Mike anticipates spending the next 18 months concentrating on engagement with delegates, faculty, stakeholders and volunteers building relationships and trust as well as strengthening VCE's presence as the front door to a land grant university. Dave Close provided dates and weblink for the VCE Winter Conference, February 6-9, 2023 that will be held as an in-person event at The Inn (<https://sites.google.com/view/extintranet/winter-conference->

[2023/conference-schedule](#)); as well as 4-H Day at the Capitol, an annual legislative engagement and youth development event.

- c. **Engagement Leadership Council:** Susan Short announced new Virginia Tech Engaged website <https://www.outreach.vt.edu/engagement/engaged.html> that highlights engaged scholarship, team spotlights, impacts, and awards programs. A work group was established to start discussions about building a graduate certificate program in Community Engagement. The first meeting was in November, more details to come in February. Numerous awards programs were highlighted including the Alumni Awards for Outreach Excellence (deadline January 31, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.), Alumni Awards for International Education, International Outreach and International Research (deadline January 31, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.) as well as the Administrative Professional Faculty Award process (deadline for nominations, February 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.).
 - d. **University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA):** Farida Jalalzai summarized the meeting from November 28, 2022 that included Katrina Powell's presentation on the Center for Refugee, Migrant and Displacement Studies. Information presented included the vision and mission and university-wide collaborations. Civil unrest, natural disaster and displacement of species contribute to international displacement and resettlement in the United States. There will be a Study Abroad course offered next fall in Paris-Refugee, Migrant and Displacement Studies: A European Perspective. An outreach project included the Kentucky flood relief including student involvement. Discussions included how undergraduates can get involved and the possibility of internships through grants.
4. **Call for Announcements/Commission Board Member Comments:** The call for announcements and comments was made, Susan Short announced that the Virginia Tech Southwest Center Director position has reposted on VT jobs with a January 17, 2023 review date and requested everyone to spread the word.

There is no January 2023 meeting. The next meeting will take place on February 16, 2023.

5. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made; seconded; no discussion; all were in favor; the meeting adjourned at 3:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Hager, Recording Secretary

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

- **NO JANUARY MEETING**
- February 16, 2023
- March 16, 2023
- April 20, 2023
- May 4, 2023