

MINUTES

Commission on Outreach and International Affairs

April 17, 2025

3:30-4:30 p.m.

120 Gateway/Zoom

Present: Francisco Carvallo (presiding), Tom Archibald, Susan Short, Richard Shryock, Amanda Stewart

Attendance (via Zoom): Ashley Appling, Terry Clements, Jennifer Clevenger, Mike Gutter, Charles Lowery, Abbigail Moore, Penny Muelenaer, Katalin Parti, Lynn Resler, Nicole Sanderlin (for Diana Bairaktarova), Aimée Surprenant

Absent with Notice: Guru Ghosh, Abdeali Jivaji, Cristalia Laing, Rebecca Smith, Susan Whitehead

Absent: Eric Bendfeldt

Guests: Kathy Hager, Rich Mathieson, Julie Walters Steele

Welcome and Self-Introductions: The meeting was called to order 3:33 p.m. Francisco Carvallo welcomed the group. Self-introductions were made; written and visual attendance was taken and quorum was established.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Francisco asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, Richard Shryock moved to adopt the agenda; Amanda Stewart seconded; there was no opposition or abstention; the agenda was adopted as presented.

2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of March 20, 2025

Francisco noted that the minutes from the March 20, 2025 meeting were sent out electronically for edits and were approved electronically. They are to be sent to the Governance Information System; and can be found on the web (<http://www.governance.vt.edu/>)

3. Reynolds Homestead Overview

Julie Walters Steele gave a presentation outlining the history of the Reynolds Homestead to include family history; current activities that include events open to the public; arts; school field trips as well as community activities.

4. Acceptance of Constituent Reports and/or Minutes:

A. **Chairman's Report on University Council meetings of April 7, 2025:**

Francisco reported on the University Council meeting of April 7, 2025. The second reading and approval of the Commission on Faculty Affairs Resolution to Amend Articles V, VI and IX of the Faculty Senate Constitution; as well as first reading for Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies Resolution to Revise the Graduate Honor System Constitution; and Commission on Undergraduate Student Affairs Resolution to Update CUSA Membership to

Enhance Undergraduate Student Representation. University Council minutes will be posted on the University Council website at: <https://governance.vt.edu/BodyDetails/UC>.

- B. **Engagement Leadership Council Meeting:** Susan Short indicated the next council meeting will be held June 5, 2025.
- C. **University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA):** Tom Archibald gave an update on the March 24, 2025 UCIA meeting. Highlights included Global Distinction Working Group update and Impacts of Federal Actions.
- D. **Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE):** Mike Gutter indicated that the 10-year Strategic Plan for VCE is in the final stages and indicates seven (7) new initiatives as well as elevating current initiatives.

5. Announcements

Susan S. reminded the commission of the Engagement Scholarship Consortium taking place October 6-9, 2025 in Roanoke; registration information will be released in May. The Lifelong Learning Institution just celebrated their 10-year anniversary; and the Carnegie Application is being finalized and will be submitted by the Monday, April 21st deadline.

Aimée Surprenant announced the Immigration Webinar tomorrow, April 18, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.; link: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/86490101978>. Cranwell International Student Center is keeping their website updated.

6. Adjournment

Francisco announced the next meeting will be held on May 1, 2025 and asked for a call for a motion to adjourn; Richard made the motion to adjourn, Tom seconded; there was no opposition; the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Rhodes, Recording Secretary

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

May 1, 2025 3:30-4:30 p.m.

PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2025-2026: (3:30-4:30 p.m.-120 Gateway Center-902 Prices Fork or Zoom)

- September 18, 2025 3:00-3:30 p.m. New Member Orientation/Refresher for Returning Members
 3:30-4:30 p.m. Regular Meeting
- October 16, 2025
- November 20, 2025
- December 4, 2025
- NO JANUARY MEETING
- February 19, 2026
- March 19, 2026
- April 16, 2026
- May 7, 2026