

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minutes

March 18, 2021; 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

Attendance: Nick Copeland, Presiding; Holly Carroll, John Galbraith, Guru Ghosh, Ralph Hall, Don Hempson, Ashley Johnson, Ed Jones, Katrina Kirby, Lee Learman, Ellie Monnig, Penny Muelenaer, Juan Luis Nicolau Gonzalbez, Nicole Nunoo, Robert Oliver, Morgan Paulette, Cassidy Rist, Peter Schmitthenner, Susan Short, Latanya Walker, Robert Weiss, Xiaowei Wu

Absent with Notice: Tara Brent

Guests: Lori Buchanan, Rich Mathieson

Welcome: Nick Copeland called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. and welcomed the group. New member, Ellie Monnig and guest, Lori Buchanan were recognized. Attendees signed into the chat and visual attendance was taken; a quorum was established.

1. **Adoption of Agenda:**

A motion to adopt the agenda was made and seconded. The motion carried.

2. **Announcement of Approval of Minutes, December 10, 2020:**

Minutes from the December 10, 2020 meeting were approved electronically and can be accessed on the Governance Information System on the web (<http://www.governance.vt.edu/>).

3. **Acceptance of Constituent Reports and/or Minutes:**

A. **Chairman's Report:** Nick presented a summary on the University Council meetings for February 1, February 15, March 1 and March 15, 2020.

Resolutions for the four (4) meetings included first, second and passage of: Commission on Research Resolution (Resolution to Establish a Scholarly Articles Open Access Policy); Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies Resolution (Resolution to Approve New Degree, Bachelor of Science in Education in Elementary Education, and New Major, Elementary Education (PK-6)); Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies Resolution (Resolution to Approve New Degree, Bachelor of Arts in Education in Secondary Education, and New Major: English Language Arts Education, and History and Social Sciences Education, and New Degree, Bachelor of Science in Education in Secondary Education with New Majors: Mathematics Education, Career and Technical Education – Agricultural Education, and Career and Technical Education); Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs Resolution (Resolution to Approve the Constitution and Bylaws for the Administrative and Professional (A/P) Faculty Senate); Commission on Faculty Affairs Resolution/Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs Resolution/Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs Resolution/Commission on Student Affairs Resolution (Joint Resolution to Revise Shared Governance at Virginia Tech); Commission on Faculty Affairs Resolution (Resolution to Clarify Probationary Reappointment Language in the Faculty Handbook); Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies Resolution (Resolution to Retire Presidential Policy Memorandum No. 194, "Transfer Credit for Master's Degrees"); Commission on Outreach and International Affairs Resolution (Resolution to Recommend Authorization of the Establishment of a Center for Economic and Community Engagement (CECE)); Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies Resolution (Resolution to Establish the School of Environmental Security); Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies Resolution (Resolution to Discontinue Degree, Master of

Science in Biomedical Technology Development and Management); Commission on Research Resolution (Resolution to Approve Revisions to Policy 13015 Ownership and Control of Research Data, Results and Related Materials); Commission on Research Resolution (Resolution to Increase University Institute Representation on the Commission on Research); Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies Resolution (Resolution to Approve New Major, Ecological Restoration, in Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science); Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies Resolution (Resolution to Approve New Degree, Bachelor of Science in Plant Science with New Majors: Crop and Soil Sciences, Landscape Design and Turfgrass Science, Plant Science, and Environmental Horticulture; and to Discontinue Degrees: Bachelor of Science in Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences and Bachelor of Science in Horticulture).

The March 15, 2021 meeting also included first reading for: Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity Resolution (Resolution to Modify Membership on the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity); Commission on Faculty Affairs Resolution (Resolution to Amend Faculty Senate Operations); Commission on Faculty Affairs Resolution (Resolution to Approve the Awarding of Tenure in the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine); Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies Resolution (Resolution to Discontinue Degree Program, Doctor of Education (EdD) and Doctor of Philosophy(PhD) in Career and Technical Education (EDCT)); Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies Resolution (Resolution to Approve New Major, European and Transatlantic Studies, in Bachelor of Arts in International Studies). Approved minutes for University Council can be found at: <https://governance.vt.edu/meeting-materials.php>.

Discussion included the need for collaboration across disciplines, which was generated by the Resolution to establish a school of Environmental Security.

- B. **Vice Chairman's Report:** Robert Weiss indicated that the selection committee for the Alumni Awards for Outreach Excellence for both individual and team selected the winners. He commented on the ease of the process. Kim Rhodes added that the winners will be announced by Special Events and University Relations, and will stay confidential until then. There were three (3) team application packets and four (4) individual application packets.
- C. **Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE):** Ed Jones provided a summary of Extension activities which included: work on the Organizational Effectiveness Plan; a joint event with Ray McKinney, Virginia State University (VSU) speaking on the collaborative work between VSU and Virginia Tech (VT); funding for vaccination programming; and funding that has been granted to VCE from the State for additional positions and infrastructure upgrading.
- D. **University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA):** Latanya Walker reported on UCIA meetings from January 25 and February 22, 2021. Discussion items included: increase in Admissions applications with students enrolled in virtual learning; Language and Cultural Institute (LCI) applications are up; LCI's program with University of Mosul in Iraq; and partnership with Saudi Arabia. A demo of the current Global Data Committee system was given; the call for packets for the Alumni Awards for International Research, Education and Outreach has gone out; announcement of the Black Alumni Reunion (<https://www.alumni.vt.edu/events/2021/04/bar2021.html>); and Human Resource has updated Cultural Connections handbook.
- E. **Global Alumni Engagement Committee Update:** Latanya gave an update from the Global Alumni Engagement Committee to include development of a position description for management of the Global Alumni database. She asked for guidance on next steps; and to

which group the project should be presented to. Guru Ghosh indicated that in order to advance the international agenda of the university, there is a need to grow philanthropy and build capacity at the private level. Once work is completed from the committee, it should be provided to COIA for discussion. Expectations for resources should be included in the presentation and COIA will bring the project forward after discussion.

- F. **Engagement Leadership Council, March 4, 2021:** Susan Short gave a summary of the March 4, 2021 Engagement Leadership Council. She thanked COIA for approving the resolution for the Center for Economic and Community Engagement and thanked Nick for his presentation to University Council. The meeting summary included the virtual Engagement Scholarship Consortium conference call for proposals, student posters, and Awards for Excellence; the deadline is March 26, 2021; Fran Clark, director of TRIO programs, provided a presentation and overview on Upward Bound and Talent Search programs. The next Engagement Leadership Council meeting will be Thursday, June 3, 2021. Previous meeting highlights can be found at: <https://www.outreach.vt.edu/about/commissions-committees/elc/elcminutes.html>.

4. **Call for Announcements and Commission Board Member Comments:**

Nick made the call for any announcements/comments. Comments included information surrounding the Black Alumni Awards; and details for the process; as well as a possible “example” for faculty to use for the Alumni Awards for Outreach Excellence.

Nick thanked the group for their discussion. The next meeting will take place on April 15, 2021 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. via Zoom.

5. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting; seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Rhodes, Recording Secretary

TENTATIVE MEETING DATES FOR 2020-2021-(All meetings will be from **3:30-4:30 p.m.** via Zoom until further notice)

- April 15, 2021
- May 6, 2021

PROPOSED DATES FOR 2021-2022 (Meetings from 3:30-4:30 p.m. unless indicated otherwise)

- September 16 3:00-3:30 p.m. (Orientation for New Members)
- September 16 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Regular Meeting)
- October 21
- November 18
- December 9
- NO JANUARY MEETING
- February 17
- March 17
- April 21
- May 12