

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minutes

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

120 Gateway Center and Zoom

Attendance in person: Jan Helge Bøhn-Presiding, Guru Ghosh, Farida Jalalzai (for Laura Belmonte), Theresa Johansson, Penny Muelenaer, Angela Scarpa

Attendance via Zoom: John Galbraith, Ben Grove (for Ed Jones), Ralph Hall, Aimane Najmeddine, Robert Oliver, Cassidy Rist, Peter Schmitthenner

Absent with Notice: Tara Brent, Laura Belmonte, David Brinberg, Nick Copeland, Don Hempson, Ed Jones, Megan Seibel, Susan Short, Jane Wemhoener

Absent: Kenner Love, Robert Weiss

Guests: Rich Mathieson

Welcome: Jan Helge Bøhn called the meeting to order at 3:43 p.m. and welcomed the group. Self-introductions were made; attendees signed the attendance sheet; those participating by Zoom signed into the chat; visual attendance was also taken; a quorum was established.

1. **Adoption of Agenda:**

Jan Helge called for a motion to approve the agenda; was moved, seconded; no discussion; all were in favor; the agenda was approved.

2. **Announcement of Approval of Minutes, October 21, 2021:**

Minutes from the October 21, 2021 meeting were still in process awaiting electronic approval and edits. Once approved electronically they will be sent to the Governance Information System; approved minutes can be found on the web (<http://www.governance.vt.edu/>).

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

A. **Chairman's Report:** The November 1 and 15, 2021 University Council minutes are posted to the web. Kimberly Rhodes will provide a summary in the minutes.

November 1, 2021: First reading of Commission on University Support: Resolution to Change Membership to the Transportation and Parking Committee; and presentation by Dr. Daniel Sui, gave a presentation on the history and characteristics of members of the Association of American Universities (AAU).

Nov 15, 2021: Second reading and vote of Commission on University Support: Resolution to Change the Membership of the Transportation and Parking Committee. First reading of Commission on Faculty Affairs: Resolution to Revise Faculty Handbook Section 2.17.12 Related to Change of Duty Station and Special Leave; Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies: Resolution to Approve New Major, Commercial Development and Investment, in Bachelor of Science in Real Estate; Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies: Resolution to Approve New Major, Residential Development and Investment, in Bachelor of Science in Real Estate; Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies: Resolution to Approve New Major, Financial Planning and Wealth Management, in Bachelor of Science in Business in Finance

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies: Resolution to Approve New Major, FinTech and Big Data Analytics, in Bachelor of Science in Business in Finance. A presentation by Jeri Baker was given regarding Parking Services updates.

Approved University Council meeting minutes can be found at: <https://governance.vt.edu/meeting-materials.php>.

- B. Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE):** Ben Grove announced the VCE winter conference will take place the week of January 29, 2022 at the Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center. The professional conference occurs annually. Ben also announced the Virginia Agricultural and Natural Resources Summit led by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Virginia Cooperative Extension, and Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station is planned for April 2022. The goal is driving public-private partnerships in the agriculture and natural resources sectors and the focus of the summit is expanding the economy and security of Virginia's agricultural and food systems. This is a follow up to the 2018 summit and is an opportunity to engage primary stakeholders in higher education, Extension, government, and industry. Dr. Ed Jones announced that he will be retiring as director of VCE after serving for more than ten years. A national search for a new director will take place and Dr. Jones will continue to lead the organization until the new director is in place.
- C. University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA):** Theresa Johansson reported on the October 25, 2021 UCIA meeting. The meeting included election of the vice-chair, Farida Jalalzai, who will be leading the selection committee of the Alumni Awards for International Education, Outreach and Research. Nicole Sanderling gave an update on the data commons application; the next UCIA meeting will be held this coming Monday, November 22, 2021. UCIA has set forth goals in order to align with COIA's priorities; three (3) working groups have been established; International MOU Process & Database; Global Advancement and Alumni; and Internationalization at home. A motion was made to update the UCIA bylaws with regard to membership.
- D. Global Alumni Engagement Sub-Committee Update:** There have not been any new meetings at this time.
- 4. Call for Announcements/Commission Board Member Comments:**
Jan Helge made the call for announcements/comments. No announcements and no comments were made by the group.
- 5. Adjournment:** There being no further business, Jan Helge thanked the group for attending; a motion to adjourn the meeting was made; seconded; all were in favor; the meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

The next meeting will be December 9 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in 120 Gateway Center/via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Rhodes, Recording Secretary

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

- December 9
- **NO JANUARY MEETING**
- February 17
- March 17
- April 21
- May 5