

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minutes

February 20, 2020; 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Gateway Center; 902 Prices Fork Road; Suite 120

Attendance: Urs Buehlmann, Guru Ghosh, Ralph Hall, Don Hempson, Ashley Johnson (via phone), Ed Jones, Lee Learman (via phone), Cassidy Rist (via phone), Susan Short, Robert Weiss, Xiaowei Wu

Absent: Michael Borowski, Katrina Colucci-Chang, Nick Copeland, Wayne Crotto, Svetlana Filiatreau, Hayden Marrs, Juan Luis Nicolau, Morgan Paulette, LaWanda Wright, Kang Xia

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Urs Buehlmann welcomed the group. Self-introductions were made.
2. **Agenda Approval:** Urs made the call for motion to approve the agenda; motion was made; was seconded; all were in favor, there was no opposition and the agenda was approved.
3. **Call for Announcements:** The call for announcements was made.

Susan Short had several announcements:

- 1) The Engagement Scholarship Consortium (ESC) International Conference will be held September 15-16 in Philadelphia, PA, with the pre-conference being held September 13-14. The deadline for proposals is March 13, 2020 (<https://engagementscholarship.org/conference/esc-2020-meeting/call-for-proposals>).
- 2) The deadline for the ESC Awards for Excellence in Engagement Scholarship is March 20, 2020 (<https://engagementscholarship.org/grants-awards/esc-awards-program>).

Guru Ghosh announced that Rich Mathieson will be joining OIA as the new Director of Communications effective March 10, 2020.

4. **Announcement of Approval of Minutes, December 12, 2019:** Urs announced that the December 12, 2019 minutes were approved electronically and forwarded to University Council for approval and posting. Approved minutes can be found: <http://www.governance.vt.edu/>.
5. **Chairman's Report:** The summary from the February 3, 2020 University Council meeting included second readings on the Commission on Faculty Affairs resolution on Accommodating Religious Observances and the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies resolution for the Establishment of the School of Communication and Digital Media; both passed. The first readings of the Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs resolutions to Grant Administrative and Professional Faculty Community Service Leave; resolution to Approve the Establishment of an Administrative and Professional (A/P) Faculty Senate; the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies resolutions to Approve New Major, Data-Centric Computing, in Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and resolution to Approve New Major, Secure Computing, in Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.

The summary from the February 17, 2020 University Council meeting included second readings on the Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs resolutions to Grant Administrative and Professional Faculty Community Service Leave; resolution to Approve the Establishment of an Administrative and Professional (A/P) Faculty Senate; the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies resolutions to Approve New Major, Data-Centric Computing, in Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and resolution to Approve New Major, Secure Computing, in Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. The only resolution that did not pass was the resolution to Grant Administrative and Professional Faculty Community Service Leave.

6. **Vice-Chair Update on Alumni Awards for Outreach Excellence**

Ralph Hall indicated that there were two (2) individual applications for the Alumni Awards for Outreach Excellence; and five (5) team applications. The selection committee was able to come up with clear winners for both the individual and team awards. Next steps will be that Kim Rhodes will send the letters out to all applicants with a note to keep any announcements confidential until Special Events announces all winners. Additionally, the completed winning packets will be sent to Special Events and will include the congratulatory letters.

7. Reports:

Virginia Cooperative Extension: Ed Jones talked about the biennial winter conference that was held at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center. He remarked that the venue was good, folks enjoyed it, and he thanked Susan for her assistance with the conference. Ed also talked about creating a career track for Administrative and Professional Faculty Extension Agents similarly to a career tenure track for teaching faculty.

University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA): Don Hempson talked about the Global Data work that Nicole Sanderlin is heading up. He indicated that Academic Data Systems is working to pull together a pilot dashboard to capture international data. At the next UCIA meeting, the pilot is due to be shown with number of study abroad; countries that are being traveled to; degrees from foreign countries; publishing non-credit experiences, and many other aspects. The minutes for all UCIA meetings that have been approved thus far are available at the following link on-line: <https://www.outreach.vt.edu/VP/CommissionsAndCommittees/ucia/uciaminutes.html>.

Engagement Leadership Council: The next meeting will be held on March 5, 2020 from 2:00-3:15 p.m. in 120 Gateway Center. There will be a Webinar hosted by the University of Georgia and University of Minnesota entitled “*Higher Education Executive Leadership Transitions: What Does it Mean for Community Engagement?*” The webinar will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 from 2:00-3:15 p.m. (EST) the link to participate is: <https://engagement.umn.edu/about-engagement/engagement-academy-university-leaders/webinar---higher-education-executive>. Previous meeting highlights can be found (<https://www.outreach.vt.edu/about/commissions-committees/elc/elcminutes.html>).

8. Global Alumni Engagement Sub-Committee Update: Please see UCIA report above.

9. Commission Board Member Comments: Guru shared that the candidates coming to campus for the Vice President for Student Affairs should be announced tomorrow (Friday, February 21, 2020). He also spoke about the meeting between Guru, Mike Moyer and Urs with regard to fundraising for study abroad scholarship. Discussion included developing a presentation to Deans and leadership in order to be a global leader for a land-grant institution, more needs to be done. The development of an Alumni Database, getting historical data regarding study-abroad students with Theresa Johansson working with Institutional Research and other departments; and Mike giving an overview of what he needs to run through his system. A visit to include the COIA Chair, Mike and Guru to every Dean and let them know of the importance of reaching out to Alumni. Pamplin College of Business will be hosting Hokies in London this year. Guru also announced that Brady Deaton will be heading up an initiative called the Global Land-grant Academy.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Rhodes, Recording Secretary

TENTATIVE MEETING DATES FOR 2019-2020-*(All meetings will be from **3:30-4:30 p.m.** and will take place at 120 Gateway Center-902 Prices Fork)*

- March 19, 2020
- April 16, 2020
- May 7, 2020