

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minutes

May 10, 2018; 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Gateway Center; 902 Prices Fork Road; Suite 120

Attendance: Bonnie Alberts, Jan Helge Bøhn, Andrea Brunais, Urs Buehlmann, Dave Close, Ben Grove (for Ed Jones), Roberto Leon, Ian Leuschner, Shelley Martin, Karen Munden (via phone), Valerie Ragan, Heinrich Schnoedt, Brett Shadle (via video conference), Susan Short

Absent: Greg Daniel, Svetlana Filiatreau, Samantha Fried, Guru Ghosh, Ed Jones, Djordje Minic, Kang Xia

1. Welcome and Introductions

Jan Helge Bøhn welcomed the group; self-introductions were made.

2. Agenda Approval

Jan Helge made the call for a motion to approve the agenda; there were no modifications and all were in favor and the agenda was approved.

3. Call for Announcements

Jan Helge made the call for announcements. No announcements were made.

4. Announcement of Minutes, April 19, 2018

Jan Helge announced that the minutes from the April 19, 2018 meeting are currently in the approval process, will be electronically, and forwarded to the University Council and to the University Governance website after electronic approval: <http://www.governance.vt.edu/outreach-and-international-affairs.php>.

5. Chairman's Report

Jan Helge discussed the University Council of May 7, 2018. There were four (4) resolutions that were discussed for the second reading, and four (4) resolutions that were discussed for the first reading. They included representation and membership on the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity; incorporating Inclusion and Diversity Education into Graduate Education; as well as revising the graduate honor system constitution; Faculty handbook revisions, new major, Nanomedicine; amendment to the implementation for the pathways curriculum; and observation of Indigenous People's Day. Minutes may be found: <http://www.governance.vt.edu/>.

There was not an Engagement Leadership Council meeting since the commission last met; therefore, there was nothing to report.

6. Reports

a. Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)

Ben Grove spoke for Ed Jones about VCE's work with International Engagement Strategy. There are monthly group meetings that are looking at the footprint for International Engagement; there are two (2) agents in Senegal involved in innovate work and workshops; new opportunities are being created for food service improvements; and in partnership with the Virginia Higher Education, a program addressing opioid misuse and addiction. The University of Virginia is to host the next program on opioid misuse and addiction.

b. University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA) Meeting

Ian Leuschner spoke to the group about the April 23, 2018 UCIA meeting. Discussion included the feedback on the International Street Fair and concerns that recipes could not be used from students; international targets are on track for both graduate and undergraduate students; David Brady announced his retirement effective September 1, 2018. Minutes from UCIA may be found:

<https://www.outreach.vt.edu/VP/CommissionsAndCommittees/ucia/uciaminutes.html>.

7. Second Reading and Voting-Alumni Awards for Outreach Excellence Language Update

Discussion included updating the language of the Alumni Awards for Outreach Excellence. Edits included:

Page 1, last paragraph: “All monetary awards are dispersed via the payroll system (*as applicable*) and taxed at required tax rates. Members of a team receive an equal portion of the \$2,000 award ~~and are also dispersed via the payroll system to be taxed at required tax rates.~~”

Page 2, item 2 a): “**Team Award:** Applicant Names and Position/titles ~~within the university to include annotation of (identify team leader; (team leader must be instructional/research faculty))~~”.

Those not present at today’s meeting have and will cast their votes electronically. Other members present voted in favor at today’s meeting.

8. Global Education Office (GEO) and Scholarships

Brett Shadle spoke about the Global Education Office (GEO) announcement that the Language and Culture Institute (LCI) would be unable to support Study Abroad scholarships after next year due to lack of future funding. The understanding of GEO was that President Sands wanted to make sure people wouldn’t be denied participation in study abroad experience, and GEO is looking at asking for a commitment over the next few years. The question from the commission members was what is LCI’s commitment for 2018-2019; Brett was to verify. Discussion included the drop in financial support. Commission members were invited to send their edits to Brett with regard to the letter from the commission to President Sands; once the letter has been edited, it will be vetted to the commission for final approval.

9. Commission Board Member Comments

Susan Short announced the annual Engagement Scholarship Consortium October 2-3 in Minneapolis, Minnesota; registration for the early bird pricing is currently be accepted. The registration link is located: <https://engagementscholarship.org/conference/esc-2018-meeting/registration>; the agenda for the consortium is located: <https://engagementscholarship.org/conference/esc-2018-meeting/agenda>.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, all were in favor; the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Rhodes-Recording Secretary

TENTATIVE MEETING DATES FOR 2018-2019

- August 30, 2018 (3:00-3:30 p.m. Orientation New Members only)
- September 20
- October 18, 2018
- November 15, 2018
- December 13, 2018
- NO JANUARY MEETING
- February 21, 2019
- March 21, 2019
- April 18, 2019
- May 9, 2019