

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minutes

April 9, 2009

3:30-4:30 p.m.

325 Burruss Hall

Attendance: Ray Ali, Jan Helge Bøhn, Sarah Burkett, Jeri Childers, Susan Clark (had to leave), Terry Clements, S.K. De Datta, John Dooley, Devi Gnyawali, William Greenberg, Gary Long, Lance Matheson, Kevin Pelzer, Bob Smith, Chris Thomas, Jane Wemhoener, Leah Wickham, Melissa Yates

Absence: Billie Jean Elmer, Susan Felker, A.L. (Tom) Hammett, Rick Rudd, Gerhardt Schurig, Ted Settle, Max Stephenson, Scott Tate

1. Welcome and Introductions

Jane Wemhoener welcomed everyone. Self-introductions were made.

2. Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes, February 5 and March 5, 2009

Jane announced that the February 5 and March 5, 2009 Minutes were approved electronically and have been forwarded to University Council for approval.

4. Chairman's Report

Jane gave the Chairman's report and announced that the University Council Minutes for the meeting are on-line.

Jane talked about the Outreach Council meeting on March 31, 2009. The following topics were discussed: VT's Entrepreneurship Initiatives; Engagement Academy; Continuing and Professional Education Price Guidelines; Program Discussions for Future Meetings; Virginia General Assembly Update and an e-FARS Update.

5. Vice-Chairman's Report

Terry Clements gave an update on the Engaged Scholarship document and a copy of the document was passed around. Additional change recommendations were made by the Commission members. Jane indicated that she would like to hear feedback from the group about the Engaged Scholarship document. Once the document is approved by COIA, it can be posted for the University to respond. Jeri is to take the document to the Engagement Academy group.

6. Commission Board Member Comments

John Rossi was a guest speaker to discuss obstacles encountered for Outreach programs which generate institutional cost. There was discussion about some obstacles faced for the professional development for K-12 teachers. John Dooley mentioned there was a policy that has only been in place about a year that will resolve the obstacles that John Rossi discussed with the commission. The information on the new policy needs to be disseminated to faculty.

7. Reports

a. **Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)**

Ray Ali spoke on the report from the VCE. He announced that Tony Wolf had received the 2009 Alumni Award for Excellence in Extension. Extension will be awarding 21 summer internships. The group is wrapping up the faculty award cycle. Budgets continue to be an issue.

b. **University Council on International Affairs (UCIA)**

Lance Matheson spoke on the report for the UCIA. He discussed that economy is a problem for the Education Abroad program and Lance discussed programs.

Jane raised the question about the Education Abroad program and funding and that it is an institute issue that needs to be addressed.

The UCIA group will discuss the issue and then bring it to COIA and take action. It will be added to the next UCIA meeting agenda. For now the UCIA is focusing on the summer programs only. The UCIA will need to go back to last year's minutes regarding this issue and revise the proposal.

7. **Other**

Gary Long had a question about the VT Email and sustainability. There was a problem with one of the Outreach resolutions. He made a motion to table the resolution until all commissions have reviewed. Jane will make the motion at the next University Council meeting. The document was sent to Holly Carroll who sent out the document electronically to the COIA group (pp 87-89; Resolutions #13 & #15).

Future Meeting Dates

May 14, 2009

Dates for 2009-2010 (tentative), 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Location to be determined)

September 10, 2009

October 8, 2009

November 12, 2009

December 10, 2009

February 11, 2010

March 4, 2010 (due to spring break)

April 8, 2010

May 6, 2010 (since close to graduation)

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Rhodes
Recording Secretary