

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minutes

October 14, 2010

3:30-4:30 p.m.

325 Burruss Hall

Attendance: Onwubiko Agozino, Maggie Appel-Schumacher, Jan Helge Bøhn, Andrea Brunais, Kirsten Buhls (via phone), Peter Callan (via phone), Susan Clark, S.K. De Datta, John Dooley, Devi Gnyawali, Lori Greiner, Tom Hammett, Gary Long, Fadel Megahed, Saied Mostaghimi (representing Dean Alan Grant), Susan Short, Debra Stoudt, Janell Watson

Absent: Jack Davis, Francois Elvinger, Christine Fiori, Alan Grant, Lori Greiner, Joao Maciera, Lenah Nguyen, John Provo, Bob Smith, Janell Watson

1. Welcome and Introductions

Jan Helge Bøhn welcomed everyone. Self-introductions were made.

2. Agenda Approval

Jan Helge Bøhn called for approval of the agenda; the agenda was approved as distributed.

3. Approval of Minutes, September 9, 2010

Jan Helge Bøhn announced that the September 9, 2010, minutes were electronically approved and will be forwarded to the University Council and to the University Governance Website.

4. Chairman's Report

Jan Helge Bøhn gave a report on the meeting of Commissions' Chairs meeting. Some of the discussions highlighted included cleaning up yearly A/P faculty reappointments, ethical guidelines for A/P faculty, developing an equal opportunity diversity strategic plan, a faculty review for classroom performance, bullying policy, ethics and scholarly integrity inventory, and the 3% bonus. Jan Helge also reported on the (date) University Council meeting. The major item of business was the elimination of an existing baccalaureate degree in secondary education. (The program has not had students since 2003. John Dooley gave clarification on why these programs were being eliminated. The University Council meeting scheduled for October 18 has been cancelled due to lack of business.

5. Vice-Chairman's Report

Gary Long discussed the Alumni Awards for Outreach Excellence. The call for nominations should be posted by the middle of November. Gary asked the commission to communicate the information about the awards to their constituents. The committee will consist of Gary Long, two commission members, and a past recipient. Commission members willing to be on the awards committee should contact Gary Long. The Provost has asked that all the awards be finalized by early February. Gary Long will follow-up with the Provost's Office to make sure its website makes reference to the deadlines established by the committees that are making the decisions.

6. Reports

a. Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)

Saied Mostaghimi spoke about the restructuring and the strategic planning process for Virginia Cooperative Extension. A regional model of staffing will be implemented. Extension agents will be renamed extension educators. Details are being finalized. The strategic planning process should be completed within the next few months. More information may be found at www.ext.vt.edu.

b. University Council on International Affairs (UCIA)

Debra Stoudt spoke about the recent UCIA meeting. Discussion at the UCIA meeting included requiring health insurance for education abroad participants; medical clearance forms to participate in education abroad programs; housing for international visiting faculty; student conduct in education abroad programs; and the search for a new director of education abroad. Debra also noted that there was a student representative at this meeting and the delegation from the Technical University of Darmstadt was welcomed.

c. Outreach Council

John Dooley was asked to summarize the recent Outreach Council meeting. The Engagement Academy; current personnel changes, and ongoing searches were discussed.

S.K. De Datta gave a brief update on the VT/India initiative.

7. Engagement White Paper Discussion

This item will be carried over to the next meeting.

8. Commission Board Member Comments

No comments were made due to time.

FUTURE COIA MEETINGS (all meetings from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in 325 Burruss)

November 4, 2010

December 9, 2010

NO JANUARY MEETING

February 10, 2011

March 17, 2011

April 14, 2011

May 5, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary