

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minutes

November 13, 2008

3:30-4:30 p.m.

325 Burruss Hall

Attendance: Ray Ali, Jan Helge Bøhn, Susan Clark, S.K. De Datta, Billie Jean Elmer (via phone), John Dooley, Susan Felker, Devi Gnyawali, William Greenberg, A.L. (Tom) Hammett (sub for Bob Smith), Satyasheel "Monty" Korpe (sub for Melissa Yates), Gary Long, Kevin Pelzer, Max Stephenson, Chris Thomas, Jane Wemhoener, Leah Wickham

Absence: Sarah Burkett, Jeri Childers, Terry Clements, Lance Matheson, Mark McCann, Gerhardt Schurig, Ted Settle, Bob Smith, Scott Tate, Melissa Yates

1. Welcome and Introductions

Jane Wemhoener welcomed everyone. Self-introductions were made.

2. Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes, October 9, 2008

Jane announced that the October 9, 2008 Minutes were approved electronically and have been forwarded to University Council for approval.

4. Chairman's Report

Jane reported that the call for Alumni Outreach Excellence Awards will be sent to the VT-News on Friday, November 14, 2008. The criteria document was sent around to the group and Jane asked that any changes be sent to Kim Rhodes prior to Friday, November 14, 2008. John Dooley asked that Kim send an electronic copy to the members that were not present at this meeting and ask for their changes as well. Kim indicated the only changes to the document from last year were the change in citation limit from 200 words to 100 words; the deadline date and contact information for the awards.

Jane reported on the Engaged Scholarship document update. She described the document was developed to help faculty and that it would provide an introduction describing visibility and voice; scale and scope; and state goals. The document will also include definitions and models for learning and engagement; examples of engaged scholarship; a proposed plan for implementation at VT and a conclusion. Ray Ali contributed that the hope is to build on work already done through communities. Jane indicated a draft should be available at the December 11, 2008 meeting.

5. Providing Incentives for Faculty Outreach

Bill Greenberg spoke on the lack of incentives for faculty Outreach. He described an example of an outreach project to retrain math teachers in the Commonwealth, where there was no mechanism for any substantial revenue sharing to recover Departmental cost of faculty time, despite the tuition earned by the University and the desperate need for math teachers in the Commonwealth. On the other hand, with research grants through Sponsored Programs, the 25% of overhead returned to the Department typically covers such costs. Most departments will be unwilling to support a grant that

does not provide adequate money back into the department. Gary Long described summer school is able to accommodate this issue. John indicated that the Contract Credit Courses document may assist in finding a solution to this problem as well. John asked that Kim send out the Contract Credit Course document to the group. The limitations for the Contract Credit Courses are that the person must be a single payer, the course is not an open enrollment; the per student cost cannot be less than the going tuition rate for that course; must be individual courses, not degrees and cannot compete in Blacksburg with other schools. Summer school and Education/Summer Abroad are in the process of changing. John suggested that Tom Wilkinson be invited to a future meeting and asked that S.K. follow-up with the UCIA group to explore with Tom Wilkinson to use the summer school model to use for summer abroad and ways to offer incentives.

6. Outreach NOW 2009

John announced that Internationalization will be the theme for Outreach NOW 2009. Billie Jean Elmer asked what the bulk of the costs covered. John indicated the facilities at The Inn and refreshments. Jan Helge Bøhn asked if we could charge a fee. John responded that we could possibly charge a nominal fee to absorb some of the costs.

7. Reports

a. Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)

Ray Ali reported that there were some changes in Cooperative Extension and that there is some transparent and clear issues regarding mandatory promotion. Promotion should occur by the 6th year of employment and that the documents should be brought to a closure within the next month.

b. University Council on International Affairs (UCIA)

S.K. De Datta reported on the UCIA meeting. He reported that Matt McMullen has been hired as the Education Abroad full Program Director and that Jeremy Billetdeaux is promoted to Assistant Program Director. S.K. also described the Punta Cana group will share their experiences tomorrow, November 14, 2008 in Torgesen. Friday, November 14, 2008 kicks off International Education Week; the flyer was passed around and also was emailed out to the group after the meeting. There is a Liability document, TABLE, which needs further revisions, but it has been adopted and approved. Both students and parents will need to sign off on the document. In the UCIA meeting, the group discussed the International Awards and Education Abroad in Turkey was discussed. International week is booked full and there are some great programs going on. Once the TABLE document has been finalized, S.K. will share and Kim can send out electronically to the COIA group.

8. Comments/Announcements, etc. from the Board Members

Leah Wickham asked what the university's stance on graduate research and study abroad was. S.K. indicated that OIRED has not promoted the graduate study abroad as much as it probably should be. Jan Helge indicated Mechanical Engineering is able to transfer credits from international universities back to VT. Tom Hammett indicated CNR Education Abroad programs usually include at least one graduate student to participate. Devi Gnyawali also commented that there were graduate students that went to Scandinavia. Leah was going to discuss with some of her representatives and report back as a possible agenda item for next meeting.

Meeting Dates for Next Year

December 11, 2008

February 5, 2009

March 12, 2009

April 9, 2009

May 14, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Rhodes
Recording Secretary