

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minutes

September 11, 2008

3:30-4:30 p.m.

325 Burruss Hall

Attendance: Ray Ali (representing Mark McCann), Jan Helge Bøhn, Sarah Burkett, Jeri Childers, Susan Clark, Terry Clements, S.K. De Datta, John Dooley, Devi Gnyawali, William Greenberg, Gary Long, Kevin Pelzer, Max Stephenson, Scott Tate, Chris Thomas, Jane Wemhoener

Absence: Billie Jean Elmer, Susan Felker, Lance Matheson, Gerhardt Schurig, Ted Settle

1. Welcome and Introductions

Self-introductions were made. Jane Wemhoener welcomed everyone and invited John Dooley and S.K. De Datta to speak about the Commission on Outreach and International Affairs (COIA). John stated that COIA carries the responsibility to bring issues that may hinder the mission of the land grant mission. COIA recognizes and rewards excellence; serves as advocates as well as adversaries for the work through Engagement and Outreach Services.

2. Agenda Approval

Jane called for any additions for agenda approval. Terry Clements moved to approve and Ray Ali seconded. The agenda was approved by acclamation as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes, May 8, 2008

The May 8, 2008 Minutes were approved electronically and have been forwarded to University Council for approval.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report will be presented at next month's meeting, as Jane was preparing to go into the meeting with the President and there was not anything to be reported yet. Jane asked for contributions to be put on the table for this upcoming year.

Jeri Childers asked that we consider whether to continue with Outreach NOW for next year.

John Dooley indicated there were some policy related issues for University Council regarding Education Abroad.

Bill Greenberg indicated the faculty language courses is wonderful and wishes there was more exposure. Jan Helge Bøhn indicated there were some revisions for language. John indicated that we build capacity on language and student Engagement. There are seven (7) new languages and anticipate another six (6).

5. Vice Chairman's Report

Terry Clements discussed that she held the COIA Orientation for new members just prior to our meeting. The student positions have not been filled yet. She also discussed the Pre-Conference Workshop on White Paper for Scholarship Engagement.

6. Outreach NOW 2008

Jeri Childers spoke about the pre-conference including Engaged Scholars. She also mentioned the inclusion of students and the poster sessions as good additions. Jeri indicated 194 attended Outreach NOW 2008. She also state the second Pre-Conference Working Session had 45 members and was the "Focus of Community Voice" which included Community Partners, faculty and faculty emeritus.

Ray Ali indicated he had a conversation with one of the community representatives concerning how they define Engagement and how they define community.

Jeri discussed that some community members came up and indicated they were more sensitive to Scholarship and Engagement. The evaluations went out the day after Outreach NOW. Jeri asked if we still wanted to have the annual conference. Next year's themes will be either Internationalization or STEM.

John asked that the group think about how they felt about the event continuing.

Chris Thomas indicated as a judge of the posters, that the poster presentation was wonderful.

Jeri heard comments that involving students added another dimension, and that they hoped that they could be included in the future.

Scott Tate indicated that sharing information on Outreach and looking through the posters gave him more insight as to what was going on.

Susan Clark suggested having a student on the panel.

Scott discussed one student that stood up in the question and answer piece and wanted to make a point of more student involvement.

Terry indicated the timing was good, and Devi Gnyawali concurred.

John wanted the group to give thought to next year's them of Internationalization and STEM. He indicated that it should touch a different part of campus.

7. Reports

a. Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)

Ray Ali spoke on the reports from the VCE. He indicated the budget and how many areas have been reducing. They have revised faculty promotions document. Introduced a new programming issue to analyze local issues. John asked Ray to share at the next meeting the Promotion and Tenure guidelines.

b. University Council on International Affairs (UCIA)

John attended the UCIA meeting last week. There were some major items for the agenda this year.

1) Risk Management with Education Abroad

Make sure we can work within the legalities within Risk Management and high risk issues. We can't require students to give us a medical history. As a faculty member working with students, we need to know.

2) **Flagship with CESA**

Switzerland has new VISA requirements. The students must acquire a student VISA beyond the 90 day threshold. These guidelines have financial repercussions. \$30,000 Euro of health coverage must be provided and \$100 per day support must be shown as evidence that the students have adequate resources.

3) **Strategic Plan**

Update on implementation of Strategic Plan at our other centers.

4) **India**

Establishing a campus in India.

5) **Latin America**

Just signed a contract to do some work in Latin America.

6) **Guanajuato**

Guanajuato and the center for research is in progress.

8. **Other**

Terry asked if there were any other items to be discussed. She noted the meetings for next year, and the next meeting will be October 9, 2008 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in 325 Burruss Hall.

Terry moved to adjourn and Ray seconded.

Meeting Dates for Next Year

October 9, 2008

November 13, 2008

December 11, 2008

February 5, 2009

March 12, 2009

April 9, 2009

May 14, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Rhodes
Recording Secretary