

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minutes

April 17, 2014

3:30-4:30 p.m.

325 Burruss Hall

Attendance:

Don Back, Jan Helge Bøhn, Carlyle Brewster, Jack Davis, Christine Fiori, Ralph Hall, Shannon Jarrott, Ed Jones, Reed Kennedy, Llyn Sharp, Susan Short, Elankumaran Subbiah

Unable to join by conference call due to issues with connection: Kirsten Buhls, Andy Overbay, Michael Schwarz

Absent:

Montasir Abbas, Kathy Alexander, Andrea Brunais, Lee Cooper, Guru Ghosh, Holly Grant

1. Welcome

Carlyle Brewster welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Agenda Approval

Carlyle made a call for the approval of the agenda; the agenda was moved to approve; seconded and was approved.

3. Announcements

Carlyle made the call for announcements. He made mention of the close of deliberations by a 2013–2014 Task Force on Inclusive Excellence chaired by Dr. Mark McNamee. No details about the outcome of the Task Force were provided.

4. Approval of Minutes, March 20, 2014

The minutes from the March, 2014 were sent out electronically for updates; were updated accordingly and were sent onto University Council and to the University Governance website (<http://www.governance.vt.edu/minutes.html>).

5. Chairman's Report

a. University Council Meetings

At the April 7, 2014 University Council, the Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies presented the resolution for first reading for the enrollment requirement for the Graduate Cooperative Education Program; the resolution was deferred and will be brought back for a second reading before the end of the semester. The Commission on Research presented the resolution for the first reading to change membership of the Commission of Research. The resolution will add one representative in the Postdoctoral Associated rank and two (2) representatives from the remaining research faculty ranks. The Commission on Student Affairs presented the resolution for first reading for the printing of receipts in dining facilities. The proposal eliminates paper receipts when a Hokie Passport is used as a form of payment in the dining halls. The Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies presented for the first reading the resolution for revision to Course Withdrawal Policy ("W" Grade Policy). This resolution will allow students to withdraw from up to a maximum of three courses; currently students are allowed to withdraw from up to six credit hours. Charles Steger gave an update of the General Assembly on whether the university employees will be compensated with a bonus or salary increase. There was an update from the commission that there was no support for bonuses and that there would be a salary increase.

The minutes can be found at: <http://www.governance.vt.edu/univcouncil/>.

6. **Reports**

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

Ed Jones talked about the celebration of the centennial of the Smith Lever Act for Extension. Events will take place May 8, 2014. The event will take place at Virginia State on May 7, 2014.

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

Don Back gave the University Council on International Affairs report from the March 31, 2014 meeting.

Jenny Sax reported to UCIA updates on the credit transfer waiver and voluntary health form.

All export licenses issued by both the State Department and the Department of Commerce for Russia have been suspended. Faculty traveling internationally may obtain loaner laptops from the OESRC. A university-wide meeting will take place regarding resources for duty care.

The Education Abroad office announced their department's name change to the Global Education Office effective, April 1.

The 20th anniversary celebration of CESA, which coincides with the completion of the expansion, will take place in June. Guru Ghosh has made budget requests to include funding for a new associate vice president for international affairs, to globalize the curriculum in Blacksburg, and to revise syllabi across the university to include global perspectives.

7. **Carnegie Reclassification Application Process Update**

Susan Short reported that the documents for the Carnegie Reclassification have been submitted. The university will be notified of a decision in December 2014 and it will be publically announced in January 2015.

8. **Commission Board Member Comments**

Lyn Sharp announced the success of the Southeastern Section of the Geological Society of America's annual meeting hosted in Blacksburg. The event drew 770 participants.

Ralph Hall discussed a new opportunity for faculty to engage in impact evaluation work for the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC). Following his research in Mozambique, the MCC invited Virginia Tech to apply for a blanket purchase agreement (BPA) with the MCC for impact evaluation work (<http://www.mcc.gov/pages/business/contracts/vehicles>). Please contact Ralph (rphall@vt.edu) if you know of any faculty who might be interested in impact evaluation work in MCC Compact countries. The current focus of the response to the BPA opportunity covers water and sanitation, agriculture, and health. Other areas that could be covered with sufficient faculty interest include roads, energy, nutrition, and education.

A call for the meeting to be adjourned was made, seconded and approved; adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Carroll
Recording Secretary