

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minutes

May 5, 2011

3:30-4:30 p.m.

325 Burruss Hall

Attendance: Onwubiko Agozino, Jan Helge Bøhn, Andrea Brunais, Kirsten Buhls (via phone), Lora Cavuoto (for Fadel Megahed), Jack Davis, S.K. De Datta, John Dooley, Francois Elvinger, Lori Greiner, Ed Jones, Gary Long, John Provo, Susan Short, Bob Smith, Debra Stoudt, Janell Watson

Absent: Maggie Appel-Schumacher, Peter Callan, Susan Clark, Christine Fiori, Devi Gnyawali, Alan Grant, Tom Hammett, Joao Maciera, Fadel Megahed, Lenah Nguyen

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

2. Agenda Approval

The Agenda was approved.

3. Announcements

Jan Helge Bøhn made a call of announcements. Ed Jones, Director, Virginia Cooperative Extension, was introduced and he will be the ex-officio member on the COIA; whereas each college has a faculty representative. The COIA is a commission within the university governance system.

4. Approval of Minutes, April 14, 2011

Jan Helge Bøhn announced that the minutes for the April 14, 2011 were in the process of being electronically approved and will be forwarded to University Council and University Governance website.

5. Chairman's Report

Jan Helge Bøhn gave a report on the University Council meeting. He indicated that the research centers have been approved. Additionally, the GSA and SGA constitutions have been updated and that the GSA and SGA will no longer need to go through University Council. Finally, the resolution to recycle dining hall receipts was approved. A recycle bin would be set up to allow customers to recycle their unwanted receipts. The minutes are posted at: <http://www.governance.vt.edu/univcouncil/ucminutes-05-02-11.pdf>.

6. Reports

a. Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)

Ed Jones has been meeting with extension agents and has been hearing their opportunities and visions. There was a meeting last week with relation to the Secretary of Education and the study that the VCE is working on. \$1 million has been restored from the cut and some of the positions will be restored as well. There are not any significant plans until after the Secretary of Education report; in which stake holders will be involved. Lori Greiner added that they are launching a new website and it will include publicizing stories and events in extension.

b. University Council on International Affairs (UCIA)

Debra Stoudt reported that the UCIA had its final meeting of the year. The updates regarding study abroad participation indicate that the situation looks positive, although the final numbers are not yet in. Election of new officers occurred; Reed Kennedy will be the new Chair of UCIA for next year; Bob Smith will be Vice Chair.

Additionally the announcement for the Humphrey Fellows Reception from 5-7 p.m. on May 10th was made. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Don Back. The Humphrey Fellows includes people selected from all areas of the world by their governments to come to the U.S. for a one year program. The Fellows will visit institutions across the U.S. to participate in professional development opportunities.

Debra also reported that there will be a new program for CESA Spring 2012 entitled University Honors Presidential Global Scholars program. Additionally, the UCIA will be reviewing the student conduct policy over the summer and will make recommendations concerning it in the fall. One of the issues is VT property versus off-property and the rules surrounding alcohol. Discussion followed involving the new rules about student self-reporting of arrests and how they may affect the student conduct component of study abroad. Debra will apprise the UCIA of these rules.

John Dooley spoke about the RFP regarding insurance for VT students and faculty traveling abroad. There would be a university option available for students and faculty.

7. **Engagement White Paper Discussion**

John Provo addressed there was a tool kit for the Engagement Academy to pull together information on the web. The website is out there and is listed as a resource on the Outreach and International Affairs website. John Provo will take custody of the report produced by this year's VT Engagement Academy team.

8. **Commission Board Member Comments**

There were not comments at this time.

9. **Other**

John Dooley announced that at 9 a.m. on Friday, the Africa Regional Strategies meeting will occur in 325 Burruss and will be talking with a group via phone from Washington about possible collaborations. Additionally, key personnel that are involved in southern Sudan will also be at the meeting. John Dooley also indicated that an announcement for the new AVP for International Affairs will be going out on Monday, May 9th. He expressed thanks to Jan Helge for Jan Helge's leadership as chair this past year. The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

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

September 8, 2011 (from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Orientation for new members)

September 8, 2011 (regular meeting from 3:30-4:30 p.m.)

October 20, 2011

November 17, 2011

December 15, 2011-Location: 210 Burruss-President's Board Room

No January meeting

February 16, 2012

March 15, 2012

April 19, 2012

May 3, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary