

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minutes

May 7, 2015; 3:30-4:30 p.m.

325 Burruss Hall

Attendance: Jan Helge Bøhn, Andrea Brunais, Howard Chung, Guru Ghosh, Shannon Jarrott, Reed Kennedy, Llyn Sharp, Michael Schwarz (via phone), Susan Short, Ian Van Pelt, Eric Vance

Absent: Montasir Abbas, Kathy Alexander, Don Back, Kirsten Buhls, Lee Cooper, Christine Fiori, Brian Hairston, Ed Jones, Andrew Overbay, Elizabeth Spiller, Elankumaran Subbiah

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Reed Kennedy welcomed the group and self-introductions were made.

2. **Agenda Approval**

Reed made a call for the approval of the agenda and any changes; the agenda was motioned to approve as is; was seconded and was approved.

3. **Announcements**

Reed made the call for announcements.

Shannon Jarrott announced that Brett Shadle would be replacing her on the Commission on Outreach and International Affairs (COIA). Guru Ghosh indicated that the new Associate Vice President for International Affairs should be announced soon and will be sent to COIA as well. Susan Short announced that the VT in Hampton Roads event yesterday exceeded expectations; there were 85 VT ambassadors and 300 key stakeholders from the peninsula. Jan Helge Bøhn received positive feedback and his department received five (5) company contacts. Eric Vance announced he would be traveling to Tanzania, Ethiopia, and Nigeria in relation to the LISA 2020 program. Shannon Jarrott announced she would be leaving VT and will be working at Ohio State; Reed Kennedy announced that Chris Fiori would also be leaving VT.

4. **Approval of Minutes, April 16, 2015**

The minutes from the April 16, 2015 meeting were sent out electronically for updates; have been approved and sent to University Council and will be posted to the University Governance website upon approval by University Council. Minutes can be found at: <http://www.governance.vt.edu/>.

5. **Nominations for Chair**

Reed Kennedy opened the floor for nominations; after review of the 2014-2015 COIA members, there were a few people eligible, but not present. Jan Helge volunteered to serve as Chair; the motion was made; seconded; and by unanimous vote, Jan Helge was voted Chair. Vice-Chair will be decided at the September meeting.

6. **Chairman's Report**

Reed reported on the April 20 and May 4, 2015 University Council meetings. Old business included the second readings of the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity resolutions to Affirm CEOD as Governing Body Within the New InclusiveVT Structure; and resolution to Revise the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity's Charge; both passed. New business for first reading included the Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies resolution to Adopt a New Honor Code for the Doctor of Vet Med Students at VT; the COIA resolution to revise the University Council on International Affairs By-Laws; the Commission on Research's resolutions to revise Policy No. 13020 – Policy on Misconduct in Research to address “Selfplagiarism”; resolution to revise Policy No. 13015 – Policy on Ownership and Control of Research Results; resolution to revise Policy 13000 – Policy on Intellectual Properties; and the Commission on Student Affairs' resolution for Replacement of the Constitution of the Graduate Student Assembly. The May 4th meeting included all the new resolutions listed above, which all were approved. Minutes can be found at: <http://www.governance.vt.edu/>.

7. **Vice-Chair's Report**

Shannon Jarrott discussed revision of some of the documents for the Alumni Award for Outreach Excellence. Some of the changes to the process suggested were to eliminate the nomination process; adding engagement to the language; and moving toward the format of the Alumni Award for International Outreach for clarity. An email containing some of the revised documents for consideration will be forthcoming. Additionally, the motion was made to bring forth the suggestion to the Development Office for University Alumni to set a priority for substantially increasing the amount for all Alumni Awards. The motion was seconded; voted on and approved.

8. **Reports**

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

We did not have a report from the VCE.

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

Reed Kennedy gave the UCIA report, which included: Two (2) Humphrey Fellows were in attendance at the meeting, a total of ten (10) will be here until August; Kathleen Alexander's presentation on Botswana; the Holiday Inn project on Prices Fork update; search for the Risk Management Assistant Director in the Global Education Office (GEO); curriculum grants being offered; VT personnel that were in Nepal got out prior to the earthquake; Kurdistan visitors delayed; the success of the Street Fair despite the rain; more international students arriving on campus this year. David Brady reported a new government process in place; search updates with regard to the Director for the Office of International Research, Education and Development (OIREED), Associate Vice President for International Affairs, and the search for the Cranwell Director. Nicole Sanderlin had reported on the Fulbright Award that she received to India for three (3) weeks; the approval of the UCIA bylaws revisions is nearly complete; and Jackie Bixler will be the Vice-Chair for next year. Debby Stoudt announced the winners of the Alumni Awards-Kathleen Alexander-Excellence in International Research; Jan Helge Bøhn-Excellence in International Outreach; and Lance Matheson-Excellence in International Education.

Michael Schwarz also added that the J-1 visitor process has been going smoothly for Aquaculture. He asked that once we receive an update on the Oman project, that perhaps Oman could be integrated with Aquaculture. Guru responded that the Sheik, OTC group and research are to be here in early September with progress toward architecture.

Please see minutes located at: https://www.outreach.vt.edu/UCIA/minutes_index.html.

9. **Commission Board Member Comments**

The call was made for member comments. Jan Helge indicated that the raise for the awards could be done with investments and endowments.

Guru indicated that enrollment targets would exceed 6,000, with a 400% increase in international students; 25% increase in African American students; and a 25% increase in Hispanic students. The increase is attributed to different recruiting efforts/events; and targeting different areas.

The members of COIA who are rotating off were thanked, as well as Shannon and Reed's efforts in leadership and Kim Rhodes' efforts in support.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, all in favor; adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Rhodes
Recording Secretary