

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minutes

October 8, 2009

3:30-4:30 p.m.

325 Burruss Hall

Attendance: Ray Ali, Megan Armbruster (guest), Jan Helge Bøhn, John Browder, Jeri Childers, Susan Clark, Terry Clements, S.K. De Datta, John Dooley, Billie Jean Elmer (via phone), Devi Gnyawali, Lori Greiner, Gary Long, Sharon Meehan, Fadel Megahed, Lenah Nguyen (via phone), Thomas Olson (sub for Bob Smith), Mike Roberts (via phone), Jane Wemhoener

Absence: François Elvinger, A.L. (Tom) Hammett, Joao Macieira, Rick Rudd, Gerhardt Schurig, Ted Settle, Bob Smith, Max Stephenson

1. Welcome and Introductions

Terry Clements welcomed everyone. Self-introductions were made.

2. Agenda Approval

Terry Clements made a call for the approval of the agenda; we moved to approve; it was seconded and the agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes, September 9, 2009

Terry Clements announced that the September 9, 2009 minutes had been sent out for review to the group to be electronically approved and was forwarded to University Council for approval.

4. Chairman's Report

Terry Clements reported that the University Council did not meet; therefore there is nothing to report. The Outreach Council meeting was held on September 29, 2009 and included the following discussions:

- a. Policy Memorandum 49-revision and update: the group was asked to review and make comments to Jeri Childers by November 1, 2009.
- b. CPE revenue report was distributed and included information within the colleges.
- c. Patrick Miller gave an update on the Engagement Academy similar to the last COIA meeting; an update will be provided at the November meeting.
- d. A brief report was given on the Outreach NOW 2009 event.
- e. Committees for the review of the Strategic Plan are being formed.
- f. Kristy DiVittorio discussed Kid's Tech University for spring semester.

The question arose as to whether there was an evaluation process for the Kid's Tech University and Terry was going to check on this.

5. Vice-Chairman's Report

Jan Helge Bøhn announced that the COIA handles the Alumni Award for both individual as well as team achievement for Outreach Excellence. The winners should be announced by March 1, 2010. Per the directives from previous years, the committee should include 5 members with 1 being a past recipient. Discussion included a submission deadline of December 1, 2009. The volunteers for the committee are: Jan Helge Bøhn, Susan Clark, Billie Jean Elmer and Devi Gnyawali. Terry is to recruit a previous recipient for the 5th member of the committee.

6. Engagement White Paper Discussion

Ray Ali gave a presentation on the Engagement White Paper (*attached*). Feedback is in the works and hope all data will be collected by December 2009. Discussion included hopes to get the document finalized and to come out of COIA.

7. Reports

a. Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)

Ray Ali noted that there are committees working on the Strategic Plan review. Dr. Alan Grant started October 1, 2009.

b. University Council on International Affairs (UCIA)

John Browder spoke about the UCIA meeting which occurred on September 24, 2009 and there were some items of interest discussed:

1. Study Abroad/Risk Management-required to have a health/emergency plan in place.
2. 5 Regional Centers-CESA; Latin America; Africa, Caribbean Center at Punta Cana; India
3. Priorities for UCIA-address challenges for the faculty in putting together Study Abroad Programs and faculty support for the 5 centers.

8. Commission Board Member Comments

Discussion will continue with regard to the white paper at the December meeting.

Dates for 2009-2010, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; 325 Burruss Hall

November 12, 2009

December 10, 2009

February 11, 2010

March 4, 2010

April 8, 2010

May 6, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Rhodes
Recording Secretary

Commission on Outreach and International Affairs

Engaged Scholarship at Virginia Tech

White Paper

8 October 2009

Background

■ Drafting Team

- Jane Wemhoener, Liberal Arts and Human Sciences
- Terry Clements, Landscape Architecture
- Jeri Childers, Outreach Program Development
- Ray Ali, Virginia Cooperative Extension

■ Commenced writing in December 2008

■ Multiple iterations

■ Reviewed by COIA in 2009 Spring Semester

Major Concepts

- Engaged scholarship
 - **Responds to human issues**
 - The creation, documentation, and dissemination of knowledge
 - Constructed through community partnership(s)
 - Shared in various schema
 - Accessible and relevant
 - Often multi-disciplinary

Major Concepts

- Like other forms of scholarship
 - Advances the state of knowledge
 - Can be replicated or elaborated
 - Can be documented, disseminated, reviewed, discussed, and critiqued
 - Has significance and impact

Major Concepts

- Expands the rubric of traditional scholarly assessment
- Measurement
 - **Impact (economic, social, and environmental)**
 - Not solely upon creation of a product
 - Based upon scope, quality, and relevance
 - May include peer-review by community partner(s)

Current Status

- White paper is part of the Engagement Academy Team conversations
 - Soliciting feedback from faculty and graduate students in CAUS and CNR (CALS has also commented)
 - Data should be collected by December 2009

Conversation

- Are the key messages valid?
- How is engaged scholarship recognized?
- What does the evidence look like?
- Ramifications to promotion and tenure?
- Implications for A/P Faculty?
- What should happen next?