

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Minutes

December 10, 2009

3:30-4:30 p.m.

325 Burruss Hall

Attendance: Jan Helge Bøhn, John Browder, Andrea Brunais, Jeri Childers, Terry Clements, S.K. De Datta, John Dooley, Billie Jean Elmer, François Elvinger, Lori Greiner, Reed Kennedy (sub for Devi Gnyawali), Gary Long, Joao Macieira, Sharon Meehan, Fadel Megahed, Mike Roberts (via phone), Ted Settle, Bob Smith, Max Stephenson, Jane Wemhoener

Absent: Ray Ali, Susan Clark, Devi Gnyawali, A.L. (Tom) Hammett, Lenah Nguyen, Rick Rudd, Gerhardt Schurig

1. Welcome and Introductions

Terry Clements welcomed everyone. Self-introductions were made.

2. Agenda Approval

Terry Clements requested approval of the agenda; motion was made to approve; it was seconded and the agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes, November 12, 2009

Terry Clements announced that the November 12, 2009 minutes are currently under review to the group to be electronically approved and will be forwarded to University Council for approval.

4. Chairman's Report

Terry Clements gave the report on the University Council meeting that occurred on December 7, 2009. The meeting included the second reading of the resolution for change in membership of the Commission on Student Affairs; and the resolution for Accelerated Undergraduate/Graduate Degree Programs.

The report on the Outreach Council which met on November 24, 2009 included budget concerns; Patrick Miller's update on the Engagement Review Team; and review of PM49 and how programs are handled through Continuing and Professional Education (CPE) on campus.

The follow-up from last meeting included discussion of Kid's Tech University and its assessment strategies. Kristy DiVittorio will be invited to the next meeting of the COIA to speak regarding that program.

5. Vice-Chairman's Report

Jan Helge Bøhn indicated that the Awards Committee met via telephone on December 9, 2009. The committee is comprised of: Jan Helge Bøhn, Susan Clark, Billie Jean Elmer, Devi Gnyawali and Brian Benham. The deadline for submission had been extended from December 1, 2009 to December 3, 2009. Jan Helge indicated that there were only three submissions for the individual award and that there were no submissions for the team award. He indicated the committee felt that two of the three submissions were outstanding and suggested that since there would not be a team submission, that two individual awards be given. The question was raised whether to extend the deadline and request more submissions. Discussion followed and the majority consensus was not to extend the deadline and to request from the Virginia Tech Alumni Association that two awards for individual excellence in Outreach be given.

6. Reports

a. University Council on International Affairs (UCIA)

John Browder spoke about the recent UCIA meetings. He briefly talked about the University-wide health insurance for education abroad, and that Matt McMullen has been investigating the different options of insurance programs available. There is an on-line application process called "Studio Abroad" for students to access.

7. Engagement White Paper Discussion

Due to time constraints, Jeri Childers will present at the February 11, 2010 COIA meeting.

8. Commission Board Member Comments

There were no comments and the meeting was adjourned.

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

February 11, 2010

March 4, 2010

April 8, 2010

May 6, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Rhodes
Recording Secretary