

# COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

## Minutes

December 15, 2011

3:30-4:00 p.m.

210 Burruss Hall

**Attendance:** Onwubiko Agozino, Mehmet Altin, Jan Helge Bøhn, Carlyle Brewster, Kirsten Buhls, Peter Callan (via phone), Naomi Dam, Jack Davis, John Dooley, Christine Fiori, Guru Ghosh, Devi Gnyawali, Ed Jones, Reed Kennedy, Gary Long, John Provo, Bob Smith

**Absent:** Andrea Brunais, François Elvinger, Lori Greiner, Joao Macieira, Lenah Nguyen, Susan Short

### 1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Gary Long welcomed everyone. Self-introductions were made.

### 2. **Agenda Approval**

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

### 3. **Announcements**

Gary Long made the call for announcements. John Dooley indicated the position description for the VP for Outreach and International Affairs was out on-line and the search committee will begin screening on January 13, 2012.

### 4. **Approval of Minutes, November 17, 2011**

Gary Long informed the council that the minutes for November 17, 2011 were sent out electronically for updates; and are in the process of approval and will be sent onto University Council and to the University Governance website once approved.

### 5. **Engagement Global University Strategic Plan Update**

Guru Ghosh discussed that he and a committee met on November 30, 2011 to address what engagement looks like at a Land Grant University in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Discussion included what six years would look like in six slides; the committee created a white paper; and will be meeting and will have something for John Dooley by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Suggestions included increasing international students at the undergraduate level; should VT grow and if so, how should VT grow. Discussion also included how to attract international undergraduate students. Additionally, how transfer students can be included. The question of how can Extension be included in the plan; Guru and Ed Jones were going to get together to discuss.

### 6. **Chairman's Report**

Gary Long reported on the University Council meeting which included the Commission on Faculty Affairs (CFA) resolution 2011-12A "Initial Appointment for Extra-Collegiate Library and Extension Faculty on the Continued Appointment-Track"; the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies (CUSP) Resolution 2011-12D "Resolution to Approve the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion and Culture"; Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs resolution 2011-12A "Conviction and Driving Record Investigation"; CUSP resolution 2011-12B "Renaming the Department of Wood Science and Forest Products to the Department of Sustainable Biomaterials"; CUSP resolution 2011-12C policy on "untaught Courses in the Undergraduate Course Catalog and the Curriculum for Liberal Education".

Gary also reported on the Outreach Council meeting of November 29, 2011. The question arose regarding China's involvement with Virginia Tech from the last COIA meeting. John D. addressed the question and

indicated that VT has chosen not to pursue a presence in China. There are several issues, one that the assemblage of law is not present. Most of the universities that have set up in China have been closed.

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

Christine Fiori reported that the announcement for nominations has gone out and that a follow-up announcement has gone out. A final announcement will go out in January when people return; January 24, 2012 is the deadline. Those on the selection committee include: Christine Fiori, Gary Long, Andrew McCoy, Elizabeth Gilboy, Carlyle Brewster, and Susan Short.

John D. also reminded the group that there are three (3) international awards that are selected by the UCIA, International Research, International Outreach, and International Education.

**8. Reports**

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

Ed Jones indicated that the secretary has issued her report. There were several updates to the report, the most important regarding communication/transparency to the stakeholders. The sub-committee is to meet on Monday.

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

Reed Kennedy announced that the UCIA had not met since last meeting; therefore there is no report at this time.

**9. Commission Board Member Comments**

Discussion included making international students feeling comfortable at VT. John D. asked Christine Fiori to get from students specific issues that could be brought up to appropriate forums for discussion. It was suggested to invite Kim Beisecker from the Cranwell Center to a future meeting.

**FUTURE COIA MEETINGS (all meetings from 3:30-4:30 p.m. locations listed below)**

**No January 2012 Meeting**

February 16, 2012-**CHANGE IN REGULAR VENUE-210 Burruss Hall**

March 15, 2012-**CHANGE IN REGULAR VENUE-210 Burruss Hall**

April 19, 2012-325 Burruss Hall

May 3, 2012-325 Burruss Hall

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary