

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
MINUTES
April 12, 2007

Attendance: Ray Ali for Mark McCann, Jan Helge Bøhn, S. K. De Datta, John Dooley, Gene Egger, Devi Gnyawali, Osama Marzouk, Kevin Pelzer, Susan Prillaman (telecon), Ted Settle, Scott Tate, Chris Thomas

Absence: Andrew Becker, Sarah Burkett, Erin Dolan, Jeri Childers, Travis Cochran, Eileen Crist, Ken Eriksson, Susan Hagen, Ewen McLean, Jim Pease, Gerhardt Schurig

Guest: Susan Felker

1. Welcome

Gene Egger welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes, March 15, 2007

The March 15 Minutes were approved electronically and have been forwarded to University Council for approval.

4. Chairman's Report

Appointment of Nominating Committee for COIA Leadership

The nominating committee to select the chair and vice chair for the COIA for next year are Ken Eriksson, Chair; Susan Hagen and Ray Ali. Nominations for these positions should be forwarded to the committee as quickly as possible.

Update on Awards

Gene Egger announced the winners for the Alumni Awards for Outreach Excellence. Five nominations were received for the individual award and three nominations were received for the team award.

S. K. De Datta announced the winners for the Alumni Award for Excellence in International Education and the Alumni Award for Excellence in International Outreach and Research.

It was suggested that award plaques should be made and displayed in a prominent location on campus.

A publication from University Development should be available on April 23 announcing all alumni awards winners. A university awards dinner/ceremony to honor the winners will be held in August.

5. Outreach NOW 2007

John Dooley reported for Jeri Childers on Outreach NOW 2007. A request for proposals and poster sessions was sent out to the university community last week. He asked the Commission to inform others about the event. Dr. Childers is formulating teams to serve as judges. It was decided at the last Commission meeting that past awards recipients will be included to serve as evaluators for the Outreach NOW workshops. Susan Felker provided a handout summarizing the discussion from the last Commission meeting on the Outreach Academy. She has made contact with several past awards recipients to request their opinions on these suggestions, and she has received positive feedback. Former Governor Warner is not available as the keynote speaker this year. Based upon discussion at the last Commission meeting, a letter of invitation has been sent to the Executive Director of the Pew Charitable Trust for the keynote.

6. Panel Observations on P&T Process

This agenda item was postponed until the May meeting. Gene Egger has invited several faculty who have served on or who are currently serving on P&T committees in their colleges to attend the May Commission meeting as a panel to discuss outreach in the P&T process.

7. Reports

• **Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)**

The Southern Region Middle Management Workshop at Virginia Tech was held on campus and concluded today. Twenty-six undergraduate agent internships and five agent scholarships have been awarded. The new hiring process is in process. State level interviews will begin next month. The State Extension Leadership Council will meet next week on campus.

• **University Council on International Affairs (UCIA)**

S. K. De Datta reported from the April 5 UCIA meeting. There was an extensive discussion on how to engage alumni as part of the university's strategic plan: Gene Egger and Chris Thomas will pursue this item. Approved UCIA minutes will be posted at the Outreach and International web site at http://www.outreach.vt.edu/ucip/min_index.html.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Price
Recording Secretary