

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
MINUTES
April 13, 2006

Attendance: Mike Barnett, Mike Bertelsen for S. K. De Datta and Sharron Quisenberry, Jack Davis, Erin Dolan, John Dooley, Gene Egger, Ken Eriksson, Will Eyestone, Susan Hagen, Saul Halfon for Eileen Crist, Osama Marzouk, Jim Pease, Judith Shrum

Absence: Jennifer Abel, Scott Baker, Linda Burcham, Jeri Childers, Mark McCann, Ewen McLean, Susan Prillaman, Glenda Scales, Ted Settle, Rodney Thompson

Guests: Ralph Byers, Travis Cochran, Susan Felker

1. Welcome and Introductions

Judith Shrum welcomed members. Self-introductions were made.

2. Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes, March 16, 2006

The March 16, 2006 Minutes were approved electronically and have been forwarded to University Council for approval.

4. Chairman's Report

Judith Shrum reported from the April 3 University Council meeting. Copies of resolutions were sent around the table for review and have been sent via email attachment.

5. Vice-Chairman's Report

Ken Eriksson reported there were 7 nominations for the Alumni Award for Outreach Excellence (individual) and 3 nominations for the Alumni Award for Outreach Excellence (team) award. The awards subcommittee has identified a winner for the individual award. The name was not reported at the meeting pending the awards ceremony in the fall. The Alumni Award for Outreach Excellence (team award) rankings has not been finalized.

The International awards subcommittee will be meeting about the two international alumni awards on April 17.

Some colleges have reported their college outreach award winners; however, the names were withheld at the meeting pending college announcements. The colleges of Science, Veterinary Medicine and Agriculture and Life Sciences have not reported their college awards, and Judith Shrum asked representatives on the commission to check on the status with their individual colleges.

Ken Eriksson reported on the April 11 Faculty Senate meeting.

6. Action Items

Ralph Byers was the invited guest speaker. He distributed handouts and discussed the restructuring of higher education and recent legislative initiatives for this year, and how it will affect Outreach and International Affairs and the university.

7. **Information Items**

- **Report from the Sub-Committee on Outreach NOW 2006**

There was no report from the subcommittee for Outreach NOW 2006.

- **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2006-2007**

Judith Shrum reviewed the proposed slate of officers for the 2006-2007 terms, which was presented at last month's meeting. The slate included Gene Egger, chair and Ken Eriksson, vice chair. As there were no other nominations, Judith Shrum asked for a motion to close the nominations. A motion was made to approve the slate as presented. The motion was seconded, and the slate was unanimously approved.

- **University Council on International Affairs Report**

Jack Davis gave a report from the April 6 UCIA meeting. Approved UCIA minutes will be posted at the Outreach and International Affairs web site at

http://www.outreach.vt.edu/ucip/min_index.html.

- **Outreach Council Report**

Judith Shrum gave a report from the March 28 Outreach Council meeting. Approved Outreach Council minutes will be posted at the Outreach and International Affairs web site at

<http://www.outreach.vt.edu/council/index.html>.

- Mike Barnett distributed a copy of the accomplishments, future objectives and acknowledgements of thanks for assistance for this year's Virginia Tech Model United Nations Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Price
Recording Secretary