

**COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**  
**MINUTES**  
**August 24, 2006**

**Attendance:** Andrew Becker, Jan Helge Bøhn, Sarah Burkett, Jeri Childers, S. K. De Datta, John Dooley, Erin Dolan, Gene Egger, Ken Eriksson, Devi Gnyawali, Kevin Pelzer, Gerhardt Schurig, Scott Tate, Chris Thomas

**Absence:** Eileen Crist, Susan Hagen, Mark McCann, Ewen McLean, Jim Pease, Susan Prillaman, Ted Settle

**1. Welcome and Introductions of New and Continuing Members**

Gene Egger welcomed new and continuing members. Self-introductions were made.

**2. Agenda Approval**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**3. Approval of Minutes, May 11 2006**

The May 11, 2006 Minutes were approved electronically and have been forwarded to University Council for approval.

**4. Chairman's Report**

**Connecting COIA to Other Commissions and Committees**

A form was distributed and each person was asked to list their university memberships on commissions, committees, councils and other service units for this year. It is important that Commission members share reports to double efforts in initiatives and proposals going through University Council.

Andrew Becker is the new chair of the University Council on International Affairs (UCIA). Other members are welcome to give updates in the absence of the chair or to give additional comments.

The Year 2006 is designated as the Year of Study Abroad by the United States Senate.

An "Interfaith" calendar of different events for international religions is available through Gene Egger if there is interest. This calendar is culturally more comprehensive than our VT Planning Calendar.

**Awards and Recognition Committee**

This awards subcommittee will be identified and convened as soon as possible this year to look at eligibility questions for all outreach and international awards.

**Strategic Plan**

Below is the schedule for upcoming dialogues regarding the implementation issues in the three domain areas of the Strategic Plan. The COIA will need to determine if there are actions that

should be taken to help with the facilitation of the domain areas. All discussions are scheduled for 20 minutes.

- September 14 – Learning Domain discussion with Dr. David R. Ford, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
- October 12 – Engagement Domain discussion with Dr. John E. Dooley, Vice Provost for Outreach and International Affairs
- November 9 – Discovery Domain discussion with Dr. Brad Fenwick, Vice President for Research

Dr. Karen DePauw was unable to attend the September meeting. She will be invited to an upcoming meeting.

### **Regular Reports from the Three Mission Areas**

Gene Egger would like regular reports/dialogue from all members who serve on the commissions and committees across the three mission areas.

### **Purpose and Role of COIA**

There was discussion on the purpose and role of the COIA. The Commission needs to continue its active role in support of international education, outreach and research.

### **Issues/Ideas from the COIA that Need to be Addressed this Year**

There was a discussion of university support with student preparation for Education Abroad. How are we going to better prepare the university as it relates to language training? This could be discussed at the September meeting with Dr. Ford. A recommendation could be made with the UCIA to begin developing a strategy for policy.

- Disconnect between perception of activity as it relates to education abroad and the reality.
- Constrained curricula within colleges present difficulties to requiring International Education.
- Look at ways we can integrate international with traditional extension and outreach programs.

Issues coming from the COIA will be delegated to respective councils, i.e., Outreach Council, UCIA or other extension related groups, and then the issues will be brought back for recommendations from the COIA.

## **5. Information Items**

Reports:

- **Outreach NOW 2006 & Pre-conference Workshop Planning Subcommittee**  
Jeri Childers shared a copy of the flyer on Outreach NOW 2006. This is the second conference the COIA has sponsored about outreach and engagement. She encouraged everyone to register. The event will be held on September 27 at The Inn. The keynote speaker is C. Peter Magrath, president-emeritus of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, senior presidential advisor of the College Board, and past president of three public universities. The afternoon conference will begin at 1:00 p.m. with faculty presentations, exhibits, an awards ceremony acknowledging outreach scholars, and reception at 5:00 p.m. The pre-conference workshop will be held in the morning, and each college will be able to bring a four-member team to this workshop, which focuses on the scholarship of engagement. The workshop leader is

Lorilee Sandmann, associate professor at the University of Georgia and director of National Clearinghouse on the Scholarship of Engagement.

- **Outreach Council**  
No report
- **University Council on International Affairs**  
No report.
- **Extension**  
No report.

Respectfully submitted,

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