

## COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

### Minutes

December 13, 2007

**Attendance:** Ray Ali for Mark McCann, Jan Helge Bøhn, Sarah Burkett, Jeri Childers, Terry Clements, Erin Dolan, John Dooley, Lud Eng for Gerhardt Schurig, Devi Gnyawali, Kevin Pelzer, Max Stephenson, Chris Thomas, Jane Wemhoener

**Absence:** Andrew Becker, S. K. De Datta, Billie Jean Elmer, Susan Hagen, Traian Iliescu, Alyssa Katz, Osama Marzouk, Ewen McLean, Scott Tate, Ted Settle

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

Erin Dolan welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were self introductions.

#### 2. **Agenda Approval**

The agenda was approved with agenda item #7, Review Policy Statement on Participation in International Exchange, being tabled due to Dr. Becker not being available for the discussion.

#### 3. **Approval of Minutes, November 8, 2007**

The November 8, 2007 Minutes were approved electronically and have been forwarded to University Council for approval.

#### 4. **Chairman's Report**

##### **Academy for Outreach**

Erin Dolan provided, electronically, the past recipients of the Alumni Award for Outreach Excellence. There have been 18 award recipients since the inception of the Academy for Outreach in 1995. There is a good representation across most of the colleges. It was suggested that award recipients be invited to serve on the selection committee for the current year's award, as judges of posters and on the Outreach NOW planning committee.

#### 5. **Vice Chairman's Report**

##### **Alumni Award for Outreach Excellence**

An awards subcommittee was approved consisting of Jan Helge Bøhn, chair; Sarah Burkett; and Devi Gnywali. Jan Helge Bøhn will ask Llyn Sharp, last year's award recipient, and another past award recipient for a total of five members. March 19, 2008 was identified as the deadline for nominations.

#### 6. **Understanding Engagement and Engaged Scholarship**

Progress to date:

- The subcommittee met with CEUT in further defining engagement.
- Members of the Academy for Outreach and others should be invited for discussions as part of a learning community on campus.
- Sharing expertise with new and continuing faculty scholars interested in engagement.

- The committee recommendation, starting with the Academy and others invited, is to integrate with the conversations at the annual conference.
- Have Citizens Scholar Program and the Future Professoriate meet with this group for a broader discussion.
- Participation of the Extension Excellence Award winners. Ray Ali will bring information to the next meeting about those awards.
- A pilot test needs to be done with the Academy for their responses.
- The invitation/facilitator could be a CEUT/faculty member. Having a co-facilitator would be important.
- The next step will be for the subcommittee will meet with CEUT to start an informal conversation that will lead to a formal invitation.

**7. Review Policy Statement on Participation in International Exchange**

Report from University Council on International Affairs (UCIA)

This agenda item was tabled until the February meeting.

**8. Outreach NOW 2008**

**Theme of Student Engagement**

The following was proposed/discussed for the planning committee:

- Invite an associate dean who works with student engagement
- Others who should be invited
- Question on how this should be framed
- Jeri Childers will give an update at the next meeting

**9. Reports**

**Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)**

The annual In-service Conference will be held on January 15-17, 2008 at The Inn.

The Civil Rights Review took place on December 5-9, 2007. One AREC and four Extension units participated in the review.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary