

**COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
MINUTES
February 9, 2006**

Attendance: Jennifer Abel (telecon), Scott Baker (telecon), Mike Barnett (telecon), Osama Marzouk, S. K. De Datta, Jack Davis, John Dooley, Ken Eriksson, Will Eyestone, Susan Hagen, Saul Halfon for Eileen Crist, Susan Prillaman (telecon), Glenda Scales, Ted Settle, Judith Shrum, Rodney Thompson

Absence: Linda Burcham, Jeri Childers, Erin Dolan, Gene Egger, Mark McCann, Ewen McLean, Jim Pease, Sharron Quisenberry

Guests: Susan Felker, Valerie Hardcastle

1. Welcome and Introductions

Judith Shrum welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Self-introductions were made.

2. Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved with minor changes:

- #3 below, change to “Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of January 19, 2006”
- Ted Settle will lead the discussion from the Sub-Committee on Outreach NOW 2006.

3. Approval of Minutes, January 19, 2006

The January 19, 2006 Minutes were approved electronically and have been forwarded to University Council for approval.

4. Chairman’s Report

Judith Shrum reminded members finishing their terms on COIA in 2006 to contact their representative groups to seek replacements for next year on the COIA. The COIA membership was reviewed for those finishing terms this spring.

Dr. Shrum reported from the University Council meeting on February 6.

A draft handout was distributed on the Engagement strategy of the university plan, which contained the goal, definition and four strategies. The language from Dr. Martin Jischke’s speech is included in this draft from Outreach NOW 2005. The Provost has convened a university-wide task force to look at the university’s strategic plan. The major program components of the strategic plan will be built around the domains of learning, discovery and engagement. A subcommittee of the task force is looking at the engagement language and is being shared with different audiences for input. Feedback is welcome from COIA. The final draft will be shared with the BOV the end of March.

5. Vice-Chairman’s Report

Ken Eriksson reported from the outreach committee of the College of Science, which met today for the first time. Their next meeting will be on a discussion of the P&T guidelines that should lead in to revisions of the faculty activity reports in that college.

The announcement of the alumni and college awards for outreach excellence has been sent out to the university community. A copy of the announcement will be forwarded to the COIA. The awards

subcommittee is Ken Eriksson, chair; Jeri Childers; Jennifer Abel; Susan Hagen; and Leon Geyer. Nominations are due March 20.

6. Action Items

Valerie Hardcastle, associate dean for outreach/faculty development and university initiatives in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, lead a discussion on how the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences elevates the importance of scholarship of engagement by their faculty members.

Ted Settle distributed a draft handout for the call of proposals for presentations and posters for Outreach NOW 2006, which was compiled by the sub-committee. Commission members reviewed and suggested changes. Ted Settle will take changes back to Jeri Childers.

It was proposed that the following members will serve on the nominating committee for COIA Chair and Vice Chair: Glenda Scales, Rodney Thompson, Mike Barnett and Scott Baker.

7. Information Items

- **University Council on International Affairs Report**

Jack Davis gave a report from UCIA. Approved UCIA minutes will be posted at the Outreach and International Affairs web site at http://www.outreach.vt.edu/ucip/min_index.html.

The announcement for the international alumni awards has been sent out to the university community. A copy of the announcement will be forwarded to the COIA. The awards subcommittee is Andrew Becker, Miriam Rich, Tarun Sen, Jack Davis and Victoria Fu.

- **Outreach Council Report**

Judith Shrum reported on the January 31 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>.

Judith Shrum conveyed Mike Barnett's thanks for the Commission's support for the model UN program. He is in D. C. today for the conference and has reported that the conference is going well. He plans to be involved in the conference again next year.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Price
Recording Secretary