

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
MINUTES
January 25, 2007

Attendance: Ray Ali for Mark McCann, Andrew Becker, Jan Helge Bøhn, Jeri Childers, S. K. De Datta, Erin Dolan, John Dooley, Gene Egger, Ken Eriksson, Devi Gnyawali, Osama Marzouk, Ewen McLean, Jim Pease, Kevin Pelzer, Gerhardt Schurig, Ted Settle, Scott Tate, Chris Thomas

Absence: Sarah Burkett, Travis Cochran, Eileen Crist, Susan Hagen, Susan Prillaman

Guests: Max Stephenson, Karen DePauw

1. Welcome and Introductions

Ken Eriksson welcomed everyone to the meeting and there were self introductions. Max Stephenson and Karen DePauw were welcomed to the meeting.

2. Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes, December 7, 2006

The December 7 Minutes were approved electronically and have been forwarded to University Council for approval.

4. Presentation by Karen DePauw, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate School

Dr. Karen DePauw was the invited guest speaker. She discussed her view of scholarship in the learning domain with respect to Outreach and International Affairs. A question and answer session followed.

5. Old Business

The second reading of the revised proposal to create a university outreach center, Institute for Policy Governance, which was distributed electronically prior to the meeting was presented Dr. Max Stephenson, Chair, Center for Public Administration and Policy. He discussed proposal revisions, which incorporated edits by the COIA. There was a motion for acceptance of the proposal and creation of the Center. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

6. Chairman's Report

Gene Egger met with President Steger and commission chairs last week and reviewed this year's initiatives of the COIA.

Dr. Egger revisited the initiatives as outlined from the September 14, 2006 Minutes.

- COIA's commitment to study how outreach and international affairs is recognized in the university in terms of promotion and tenure and the scholarship + pedagogy of

outreach and international affairs. There was a recommendation to invite college P&T committee chairs to an upcoming COIA meeting.

- Language courses for faculty and staff.
- Student preparedness for education abroad.

There are several faculty who have requested a policy review regarding exchange programs. There is a problem with some transfer students who want to participate in exchange programs, but have not been at Virginia Tech for a year, thus, they do not meet the criteria. Andrew Becker will take this to the UCIA for review and then bring back recommendations to the COIA.

7. Vice Chairman's Report

Update on COIA Awards Program

The outreach alumni awards call for nominations was sent out to deans, directors and department heads on January 10 with a deadline of March 19 to receive nominations. Within the same week, the University Relations Office made a request to receive the names of the alumni awards recipients by March 1. The University Relations Office is producing a nice publication addressing the excellence of scholarship in relation to the public announcement of the Capital Campaign on April 28. There was a motion to move the deadline to March 8. The motion was seconded and approved. The chair of the awards sub-committee will be out of the country during this process; therefore, Gene Egger agreed to chair the awards sub-committee. A revised announcement with the March 8 nominations deadline will be resent immediately to the deans, directors and department heads list.

Discussion of the Function of the Existing Academy for Outreach Excellence

This discussion item was postponed until the next meeting.

8. Information Items

Reports:

Outreach NOW 2007 – This report was postponed until the next meeting.

University Council on International Affairs

The international alumni awards call for nominations was sent out on January 24 to deans, directors and department heads with a deadline of February 21 to receive nominations.

Extension Report

This report was postponed until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Price
Recording Secretary