

COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
MINUTES
March 15, 2007

Attendance: Ray Ali for Mark McCann, Andrew Becker, Sarah Burkett, Erin Dolan, John Dooley, Gene Egger, Osama Marzouk, Will Eyestone for Kevin Pelzer

Absence: Jan Helge Bøhn, Jeri Childers, Travis Cochran, Eileen Crist, S. K. De Datta, Ken Eriksson, Devi Gnyawali, Susan Hagen, Ewen McLean, Jim Pease, Susan Prillaman, Gerhardt Schurig, Ted Settle, Scott Tate, Chris Thomas

Guests: Susan Felker

1. Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved as presented.

2. Approval of Minutes, January 25, 2007

The January 25 Minutes were approved electronically and have been forwarded to University Council for approval. The Commission did not meet in February.

3. Chairman's Report

Gene Egger said he will be working on a nominating committee to appointment a chair and co-chair for the Commission next year.

Dr. Egger reported there were five nominations received for the individual outreach award and three received for the outreach team award.

4. Outreach NOW 2007

John Dooley reported for Jeri Childers on Outreach NOW 2007. Notification was received last week that former Governor Mark Warner is not available as the keynote speaker. Nominations for a keynote speaker are requested immediately so an invitation can be sent out quickly. Dr. Childers' message will be forwarded electronically to the Commission.

5. Outreach Academy

Winners of the alumni awards for outreach excellence are automatically inducted into the Outreach Academy. There was discussion about the Outreach Academy and the types of opportunities for those members to be used as a resource.

- Serve as reviewers for faculty presentations for Outreach NOW conferences.
- Recognition at the Outreach NOW conferences for their services. They would be provided with special name tags with ribbons.
- There was further discussion whether the Academy should be considered in context of an Academy of Outreach and Extension and whether an international academy should be formed.
- Receive a special invitation to Outreach NOW.
- Play a special role at Outreach NOW as moderators or facilitators.

Susan Felker will contact past award recipients and ask for their input. Ms. Felker will provide a paragraph of recommendations to share at the next meeting.

6. **Reports**

- **Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)**

The awards selection process is complete. Their hiring and recruitment process has been altered into a pooled process with three positions, which are open throughout the federal fiscal year and are no longer location specific.

- **University Council on International Affairs (UCIA)**

- The Education Abroad Policy Review was not discussed at their last meeting due to meeting time constraints.
- The international awards process is completed. The winners have been notified. There were three nominations for each award. Suggestions for changes in the awards process for next year will be submitted to the UCIA: (1) reduce the length of the dossiers, and (2) change the types of awards to include each of the three missions of the university.

7. **Future Business**

Gene Egger will invite a panel of three members of college P&T committees to attend a meeting to discuss their general observations on how outreach and international program activities was received and considered as a part of the P&T process.

8. **Other**

Susan Felker gave an overview of articles that will be included in the annual Outreach NOW Magazine. She is also looking for subjects to be included on the “Spotlight” on the VT Homepage to increase the visibility of outreach and international affairs.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Price
Recording Secretary