

**COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
MINUTES
March 17, 2005**

Attendance: Jennifer Abel (telecon), Scott Baker (telecon), Brian Calhoun for Pat Sobrero, Melinda Cep, Jeri Childers, Jack Davis, S. K. De Datta, John Dooley, Ken Eriksson, Jim Pease, Mike Lambur, Judith Lynch, Glenda Scales, Judith Shrum

Absence: Linda Burcham, Marco Caiado, Eileen Crist, Gene Egger, Joe Eifert, Susan Prillaman, Sharron Quisenberry, Ted Settle, Robert Shaffer, Rodney Thompson

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

2. Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes, February 10, 2005

The February 10, 2005 Minutes were approved electronically and have been forwarded to University Council for approval.

4. Vice-Chairman's Report

Judith Shrum reported that the COIA Resolution 2004-2005A was approved at the University Council meeting on February 21. With the approval of the resolution, Dr. Shrum acknowledged that Jack Davis is now a voting member of COIA. The membership roster will be updated to reflect his membership.

We had talked earlier about inviting someone from the President's Office to discuss the HB2866, the Restructured Higher Educational Financial and Administrative Operations Act, formerly known as the Charter University Initiative. Some of that staffing has been changed since originally discussed. Mike Lambur presented it to President Steger to see whether the Commission should explore this, and there are some implications of this bill for Outreach and International Affairs. Dr. Shrum will circulate the bill to the Commission as an e-mail attachment, and Ralph Byers will be invited to either the April or May COIA meeting for further discussion. Jim Pease will forward a shortened version of the bill to the Commission.

The President's Office is requesting names of the COIA chair and vice chair for next year. Dr. Shrum asked Glenda Scales and Marco Caiado to serve on the nominations sub-committee. Mike Lambur has agreed to serve as chair of the nominations sub-committee. The charge will be to prepare a slate of nominations for chair and vice chair from eligible members of the COIA and present it at the April meeting. Elections will be held at the May meeting, and the outreach and international awards winners will also be announced. John Dooley observed that at least five COIA members' terms will end this year. He suggested that these individuals go back to the groups/organizations that elected them, and remind them that their terms are ending, so the elections process can begin for these vacancies.

5. Action Items

a. Facilitated discussion on the Scholarship of Engagement.

Dr. Shrum lead discussions on the following questions: 1) What have we learned from the visits of award-winning faculty? 2) What common themes have emerged? 3) What are the real or perceived inhibitors to aligning outreach with the research and teaching agendas of the University? 4) How do we respond to these themes to help faculty in the future? 5) Which invitees should be included in our fall signature event to help us address these themes?

6. Information Items

Reports:

• **Awards Committee**

○ Outreach

Judith Shrum appointed Melinda Cep, Susan Prillaman, Ted Settle, Gary Long and Ken Eriksson to serve on the awards sub-committee for the outreach awards. The outreach

awards are due tomorrow. So far, five individual nominees and 3 team nominees have been received.

- International
Jack Davis reported that only one nomination has been received for international. He expects more to come in by tomorrow's deadline. The deadline may have to be extended. A sub-committee of five has been appointed.
- **Outreach Council** (no report, next meeting is March 29)
- **UCIA**
Jack Davis gave a report from the UCIA. Approved UCIA minutes will be posted at the Outreach and International Affairs web site at <http://www.outreach.vt.edu/awards/html>.
- **P&T Sub-Committee**
Jack Davis gave a report from the P&T Sub-committee. The sub-committee met and drafted a document for their review. They plan to meet at least once again to summarize and discuss the changes to the document. Recommendations will go to John Dooley for distribution to the COIA, Outreach Council and UCIA for further review. The intent is in rediscovering our land-grant outreach mission, and trying to promote scholarship through outreach, teaching and research throughout the P&T document, not just within certain areas of the document.
- **Workshop Planning Subcommittee**
Jeri Childers reported on the Workshop Planning Sub-committee. She distributed an updated handout with a section added, and gave an overview of the fall signature event. Dr. Childers asked for additional feedback from the Commission. Additional groups were that will need to be notified of the event, i.e., Extended Campus directors, student organizations, alumni, Board of Visitors. There will be additional discussion at the April meeting. There was a suggestion that the event be titled, The Scholarship of Outreach: Rediscovering our Land-Grant Mission.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Price
Recording Secretary