

**COMMISSION ON OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**  
**MINUTES**  
**May 10, 2007**

**Attendance:** Andrew Becker, Jan Helge Bøhn, Sarah Burkett, S. K. De Datta, Erin Dolan, Gene Egger, Ken Eriksson, Osama Marzouk, Kevin Pelzer, Susan Prillaman (telecon), Gerhardt Schurig, Scott Tate, Chris Thomas, Rich Wokutch for Devi Gnyawali

**Absence:** John Dooley, Jeri Childers, Travis Cochran, Eileen Crist, Susan Hagen, Mark McCann, Ewen McLean, Jim Pease, Ted Settle

**1. Welcome**

Gene Egger welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Agenda Approval**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**3. Approval of Minutes, April 12, 2007**

The April 12, 2007 Minutes were approved electronically and have been forwarded to University Council for approval.

**4. Chairman's Report**

• **Awards Announcements**

A list was distributed of the winners of the 2007 Alumni Awards for Outreach Excellence, Alumni Award for International Education, Alumni Award for International Outreach and Research, and College Awards for Outreach Excellence. The awards sub-committee was thanked for their efforts.

**5. Vice Chairman's Report**

Ken Eriksson reported from University Council. Four resolutions were submitted from the Commission on Faculty Affairs for approval. There was a discussion about the resolution on "Composition of Committees for Promotion and Tenure Evaluation," and its importance to the COIA. P&T committees need to be convinced of the importance of outreach.

**6. Outreach NOW 2007**

September 24 is the date for the Outreach NOW 2007 conference. Rebecca Rimmel, President of Pew Charitable Trusts, is the invited keynote speaker.

**7. Report of Nominating Committee**

The nominating committee consisted of Ken Eriksson, chair; Susan Hagen, and Ray Ali. The proposed slate of officers for the 2007-2008 terms were identified as Erin Dolan, chair and Jan Helge Bohn, vice chair. As there were no other nominations, a motion was made to close the nominations. A motion was made to approve the slate as presented. The motion was seconded, and the slate was unanimously approved.

## 8. Discussion on Priorities for 07-08

- Resolution to add the director for the Institute for Policy and Governance as a member of the COIA.
- Clarify the position of the Academy for Outreach.
- International education/study abroad policies that need to be addressed through UCIA and brought to the COIA for endorsement. Set up some archival means to keep in touch with international alumni: Questionnaires; address a standard way to offer adjunct status for those alumni working at other universities.
- Start alumni awards announcement earlier.

## 9. Reports

- **Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)**  
There was no report.
- **University Council on International Affairs (UCIA)**  
A request will be submitted to the Alumni Office to split the Alumni Award for Excellence in International Outreach and Research. Approved UCIA minutes will be posted at the Outreach and International web site at [http://www.outreach.vt.edu/ucip/min\\_index.html](http://www.outreach.vt.edu/ucip/min_index.html).

## 10. Other

Gene Egger recognized Commission members with expiring term, and the Commission members recognized Dr. Egger for his leadership.

Proposed meeting dates for 2007-2008 were distributed and discussed: September 13; October 11; November 8; December 13; January 10—suggested this date be moved later in the month or deleted; February 14; March 13; April 10; and May 8.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Price  
Recording Secretary