Present: Andrea Brunais, Tom Campbell, Kristy Collins, John Dooley, Gary Long, John Provo, Susan Short, Bob Smith, Frank Smith, Debra Stoudt, Barbara van Gelder

Welcome
John Dooley welcomed everyone; self-introductions were made.

Announcements
John Dooley made the call for announcements.

Kristy Collins announced that 200 kids are already enrolled to Kid’s Tech University; 450 is the cap. There are some spots set aside for Tazewell County and Girl Scouts. Current discussions are taking place to possibly expand the program to Abingdon. Next summer Bowling Green State University in Ohio will host a Kids’ Tech University. Discussion included the metrics for STEM retention and assessment. Kristy indicated questionnaires are developed for both parents and children as well as plans to track future interests of participants.

Updates
a) Vice President for Outreach and International Affairs
   John Dooley indicated Provost McNamee is chairing the search for the Vice President for Outreach and International Affairs search; they hope to review applications by the second week of January and have an incumbent in by April 1, 2012.

b) Associate Director for Strategic Alliances, NCR
   John Provo announced that Afroze Mohammed will start in the Associate Director for Strategic Alliances, NCR position December 5th.

c) Director, Center for Student Engagement and Community Partnerships
   Susan Short announced that Gary Kirk from JMU will begin the position of Director for the Center for Student Engagement and Community Partnerships effective December 19th and will join the Outreach Council.

d) Director, Continuing and Professional Education
   Susan Short announced that Scott Weimer will begin his new position of Director of Continuing and Professional Education effective December 1st and will join the Outreach Council.

e) Assistant Director, Continuing and Professional Education, NCR
   Susan Short announced that Jennifer Carter began her position as Assistant Director in Continuing and Professional Education, NCR several weeks ago.

f) Director, Upward Bound/Talent Search
   Susan Short announced that Tom Wilson will be retiring May 1, 2012. A search committee is being formed and position description will be sent out.

Other Items
There were no other items.
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Council Idea Exchange
Kristy Collins spoke about the 10 week Global Summer Research Institute; summer research program for international students gsri.vbi.vt.edu for undergraduate students. They hope to launch December 15th.

Frank Smith shared the post doc bridge program and a police officer program “Institute for Leadership in Changing Times”. Brenda van Gelder was interested in presenting at a gathering regarding cyber security programs.

Brenda van Gelder spoke about her roles as coordinators for the e-corridors and Blacksburg Electronic Village. She has been working with conducting speed tests around the Commonwealth for broadband availability. Brenda indicated if folks can get on their computers at home, they can pull up http://www.acceleratevirginia.com/ and perform a test of the broadband speed in your area. She suggested performing the test at different times of the day in order to get a sampling of different peak times.

Tom Campbell discussed the many projects regarding outreach that he is involved with at ICTAS: www.ictas.vt.edu/outreach. He is currently working on an $18.5 million project for the NSF, Industrial Affiliates Program. Tom also announced that February 24-25, 2012 the conference, “Collaboration and Networks in the 21st Century” will take place in Arlington (http://www.cpe.vt.edu/avhkolleg_networks/index.html).

Bob Smith discussed the national conference for Natural Resources and Environment, in order to promote opportunities for diversity. The conference will be held in the spring of 2013 in Blacksburg.

Debby Stoudt discussed her role in outreach and the School of Education’s active participation with child development. Debby also talked about a summer program titled “Nomadic Studies” that is part of the new curriculum being offered by the Center for 21st Century Studies (C21S), recently established in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. The program will include study and exploration in Morocco, Turkey and Sri Lanka.

Gary Long talked about the NSF award to establish the Step Program. The Colleges of Engineering and Science are working together.

Gary also gave a brief update from the last COIA meeting. A Language Lab was discussed at the meeting to use the Rosetta Stone program and the question was raised that China has partnerships with other universities for research and how VT could be involved. John Dooley’s response was that VT has chosen not to pursue a relationship with China.

Other Items
Susan Short reiterated the Inn Incentive Program is available for those programs that qualify.

Next Meetings (Tentative):
January 31, 2012  210 Burruss
March 20, 2012  325 Burruss
May 29, 2012  325 Burruss
July 31, 2012  325 Burruss
September 25, 2012  325 Burruss
November 27, 2012  325 Burruss

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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