

UCIA Meeting
Monday, March 28, 2016
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
International Affairs Offices, Conference Room A

Present:

Don Back, *Director, Language and Culture Institute*
David Brady, *Office of Export and Secure Research Compliance*
Monika Gibson, *Director of Student Services, Graduate School*
Theresa Johansson, *Director, Global Education Office*
Stephanie Lang, *Director of Academic Programs, College of Natural Resources and the Environment*
Vicki Langford, *Registrar's Office*
Ian Leuschner, *Director, International Support Services*
Karl Markgraf, *Associate Vice President for International Affairs*
Jerzy Nowak, *International Programs, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences*
Diane Roberson, *Financial Aid Advisor, University Scholarships and Financial Aid*
Nicole Sanderlin, *Director of International Programs, College of Engineering*
Gerhardt Schurig, *VMRCVM and International Programs Strategist, OIA*
Debra Stoudt, *Associate Dean for Academic Policies and Procedures, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences*
Judy Taylor, *Staff Senate; Office of the Provost*
Jesse Thomas, *Financial Aid Advisor, University Scholarships and Financial Aid*
Eric Vance, *Faculty Senate; Assistant Research Professor and Director of LISA (Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Statistical Analysis)*
Larry Vaughan, *Office of International Research, Education, and Development (OIRE)*
Latanya Walker, *Director of Alumni Relations for Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement*

Guests:

Andrea Brunais, *Communications Director, Outreach and International Affairs*
Matt Winston, *Senior Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations*

1. Welcome, introductions, and approval of February minutes

Nicole Sanderlin called the meeting to order and participants introduced themselves. A motion to accept the minute of the February meeting was made by Larry Vaughan, seconded by Karl Markgraf, and approved unanimously.

2. Global Alumni Network

Matt Winston, senior associate vice president for alumni relations, attended the meeting to discuss the Global Alumni Network. The office is seeking ways to better engage alumni, and international alumni are one important aspect of this demographic, whether they return to their home country or remain in the US. Additionally, US students who have gone overseas, whether on short-term study abroad programs or relocated on a more permanent basis, should be part of this network. All of these connections will serve to benefit the university. The challenge is collecting students' information, tracking them, and then maintaining them, tasks which have not been handled particularly well over the years. A public relations campaign will be launched to encourage alumni to keep their contact information current; in the meantime, staff are trying to update records by using LinkedIn profiles and online searches. A new database and records management system will be implemented to facilitate collecting and maintaining this information, with alumni being able to update records themselves. These contacts will be used to build alumni programs around the world and

connections can be leveraged for future programs, such as students traveling abroad on a faculty-led program meeting with alumni living and working overseas for networking opportunities. Mr. Winston commented that during a recent diversity workshop, none of the panelists mentioned alumni. However, these former students can serve as an invaluable resource for the university. There are currently just three chapters overseas, in London, Shanghai, and Istanbul. Overall the Alumni Association is considering moving away from anniversary reunions to theme or experience-oriented reunions, such as the Corps of Cadets or the bands.

3. Constituent reports

a. International Support Services

Ian Leuschner announced that the \$30,000 grant for post-earthquake relief efforts in Nepal has been awarded to the group Service Without Borders. They will be traveling to Nepal this summer to repair an irrigation channel that was damaged. The group has already visited the country once to conduct an assessment and have also raised significant funds towards matching the award.

b. OESRC

David Brady announced that the Chinese telecom company ZTE has been placed on the embargoed list and any work with them now will require a license. Obtaining the license can take 60-90 days and requests are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The new requirements regarding management of controlled unclassified information has been delayed, giving organizations time to react, but these standards will be implemented. The Office of Management and Budget is collecting comments for these new procedures.

c. OIRED

Larry Vaughan reported that OIRED director Van Crowder is in Tanzania attending the Global Integrated Pest Management Conference. The office did not win the project in Ghana but the NGO with whom they were working was happy with the prospect of collaboration and is looking for other opportunities to partner with VT, such as a USAID-sponsored farmer-to-farmer exchange program. Partners for the Oman technical and engineering university project attended a three-day planning meeting. HOK is the architecture firm working on the design.

d. Language and Culture Institute

Don Back reported that the 2016 cohort of Humphrey Fellows are arriving on March 28. This is a US State Department initiative for mid-career professionals to attend non-degree seeking programs at universities throughout the US. The VTLCI provides a five-month English language immersion training. The Mandela Fellows will be arriving in June. LCI director Don Back recently returned from Cuba and LCI personnel have visited 21 other countries for recruiting and project proposal scoping trips.

e. OIA

Karl Markgraf announced that President Sands will be traveling to Ecuador to visit partner institution University of San Francisco-Quito, most likely in June, and will also travel to the Steger Center. OIA will be presenting to the Board of Visitors in June on programs and operations including the GTOC and crisis management and research projects as well as their impact on the Commonwealth.

f. Global Education Office

Theresa Johansson reported that Curriculum Globalization Grant winners were honored at a reception on March 22. The GTOC is moving policy revisions forward for implementation in the fall. New assistant director for partnerships Chelsey Watts will start on April 11. Two members of the Corps of Cadets will be presenting at the Forum on Education Abroad in Atlanta on their semester-long study abroad experiences and preparing future members of the military for global engagement; they will be the only students presenting at the

conference. The spring pre-departure orientation is scheduled for April 20. A reception for past and current Fulbright awardees will take place on April 12; the event is open for anyone interested in learning about these opportunities. Notification has been received for a student Fulbright winner; senior Matthew Mathey, a mechanical engineering major, has won an English Teaching Assistantship to Poland.

4. International Education Policy Committee

Theresa Johansson reported that the IEPC will be clarifying its charge and its membership composition before moving forward with policy issues and discussions in the future.

5. UCIA Membership Addendum Follow up

Nicole Sanderlin reported that following the UCIA's approval to add a Corps of Cadets representative to its membership in February, the issue has now been brought forward to the COIA, where it must also have two readings before being voted upon and then moved forward to the University Council.

6. Alumni Awards for International Excellence

Larry Vaughan stated that winners for the Alumni Awards for International Excellence have been chosen and notified but an official announcement has not yet been made. The committee will be meeting again to discuss the application process and selection criteria.

7. Other items

- Eric Vance announced that the Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Statistical Analysis (LISA) has been restructured and his contract will not be renewed. He will be looking for other opportunities.

Next meetings for 2015-2016 academic year (all meetings to take place from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Conference Room A, International Affairs Offices):

- April 25
- May 9