

**OUTREACH COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 25, 2005**

Present: Blair, Jim; Bonham, Hap; Childers, Jeri; Dooley, John; Fisher, Beth; Gaskill, LuAnn; Henneke, Ed; Ross, Nancy; Settle, Ted; Schroder, Beth; Schubert, Robert; Short, Susan; Shrum, Judith

Participants were welcomed.

1. Technology Commercialization

Ted Settle presented the work of a task force that has taken a critical look at how research discoveries move through the university to the point of commercialization. The work of the task force will be part of a presentation to the BOV at its March meeting. The council was asked for their thoughts and input on the process. (Graphs attached.)

2. VT Knowledgeworks

Jim Flowers informed the council how VT Knowledgeworks may be a resource and an asset to faculty members. Council members were asked to help find people who may be candidates for the KnowledgeWorks program and to suggest individuals who could participate in the "Shadow CEO" program, which is designed to connect a developing CEO to one with experience.

3. Roanoke "Business After Hours" Program

Susan Short updated the council on the "Business After Hours" Program sponsored by the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center, the City of Roanoke, and Virginia Tech on March 1, 2005. Council members were encouraged to let Susan know of faculty members and/or centers who would be interested in having an exhibit.

4. Scholarship of Engagement Conference

The university is discussing organizing a team for the Outreach Scholarship Conference this October at the University of Georgia. The team will consist of Associate Deans, Virginia Tech faculty and members of the Commission on Outreach and International Affairs. Council members were asked to think about nominating someone to be a part of the delegation and to contact John Dooley with the names of the nominees.

5. Commission on Outreach and International Affairs Subcommittee

The Commission on Outreach and International Affairs is planning an annual fall event. Discussions on the preliminary plans have been scheduled with President Steger. It was suggested that a draft program be presented at the next Outreach Council meeting. Council members were asked to think of ways to involve members of the college level P&T committees.

6. Update – Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center

The new hotel is scheduled to open on July 10, 2005. Many preview events are scheduled for this spring.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Carroll
Recording Secretary