

**OUTREACH COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
March 28, 2006**

*Present:* Blair, Jim; Bonham, Hap; Childers, Jeri; Dooley, John; Faulkner, Susan; Hardcastle, Valerie; Hess, John; Riddell, Jim; Ross, Nancy; Schubert, Robert; Short, Susan; Shrum, Judith;

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

John Dooley welcomed members. Self-introductions were made.

**2. Announcements**

- John Hess announced the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences has named Mary Marchant as the new associate dean and director of academic programs. She begins April 17. He also announced that he will be retiring August 1.
- Jim Riddell announced Karen Gehrt has been named the new associate director of Family and Consumer Sciences. Her start date will be June 1.
- Nancy Ross announced Jack Finney will replace George Crofts as associate dean in the College of Science.
- George Nolen, president and CEO of the Siemens Corporation, spoke at Virginia Tech on March 27. Pamplin College of Business sponsored the event.

**3. VT Strategic Planning: Engagement Domain**

John Dooley gave the council information on the engagement domain and asked for feedback and comments. Council members were content with how the engagement piece has progressed.

Dr. Dooley asked for volunteers from the council to work on a committee to help shape a proposal to Carnegie for an elective classification of the university. The supporting documentation includes twenty-three items. The council asked that the documentation be included with the minutes of the meeting. Valerie Hardcastle volunteered to join the committee.

**4. National Capital Regional Program Strategy**

Jim Bohland, Executive Director, Northern Capital Region, presented to the council the university's strategy for expanding its presence in the Northern Capital Region.

**5. Outreach NOW: 2006**

Jeri Childers distributed an Outreach NOW: 2006 conference flyer to the council. The conference will take place on September 27, 2006 at the Inn at Virginia Tech.

The council was informed of a pre-conference event entitled "Where is the Scholarship in Engagement, Documenting and Evaluating Quality Engagement". The associate deans were tasked to put together a four-person team from their college to attend the event. Valerie Hardcastle suggested having a follow-up meeting to the pre-conference workshop.

**6. College Outreach Awards**

John Dooley asked that those colleges that have not identified winners to please send those names to Linda Price.

**7. College Reports**

There were no critical reports. This agenda item will be carried over to the May meeting.

**8. Other**

- Susan Faulkner informed the council that VBI had their first research symposium. The keynote speaker was Lincoln Stein from Cold Spring Harbor.
- Jim Riddell reported that the first Women in Agriculture conference was a success.
- Susan Short shared information on the Listening Breakfast.
- Nancy Ross informed the council there will be a structural biology symposium on March 31.

Respectfully submitted,  
Holly Carroll  
Recording Secretary