OUTREACH COUNCIL  
March 30, 2010  
2:00-3:30 pm  
210 Burruss Hall  
MINUTES

Present: Ali, Ray; Childer, Jeri; Cinsavich, Anne; Clements, Terry; Dooley, John; Dubinsky, Jim; Inzana, Tom; Miller, Patrick; Piercy, Fred; Short, Susan; Smith, Bob; Smith, Frank; Provo, John (guest); Franz, Nancy (guest)

Welcome  
John Dooley welcomed everyone; invited any announcements and self-introductions were made.

Jim Dubinsky gave information on events that will be included in the Global Dialogue Scholars event at Virginia Tech the week of April 16.

Discussion Items

a) Report of Engagement Academy Team

Patrick Miller, Nancy Franz, and John Provo presented the Engagement Academy team’s report. (Council members received a copy of the report electronically from Patrick Miller prior to the meeting.) The team is undertaking the following:

- In the process of constructing a faculty tool kit of resources related to engagement work.
- Reviewed the strategic plans of all the colleges
- Had conversations with faculty and administrators in the College of Natural Resources and the College of Architecture and Urban Studies

The council was asked for their reactions and suggestions before the final report is given to the Provost on Thursday, April 1.

The next Engagement Academy will be held in June 2010 and the team leader will be Fred Piercy. It was suggested that this team work on developing a guidebook to interpreting and measuring engagement for P&T committees.

b) Implications of Current Budget Environment to Engagement Programs and Strategies

This agenda item will be carried over to the next meeting.

Updates

a) Profile of VT Engagement Activities in Roanoke

Susan Short informed the council on many of the engagement activities of the Virginia Tech Roanoke Center. Dr. Short gave general information on the Virginia Tech Roanoke Center’s people, location, and programs. Upcoming projects were discussed. (see handouts)
b) **Policy Memorandum (PM) 49**
The approved Administrative Policy 6362 document was distributed *(see handout)*. John Dooley will resend the web address for the policy to members so that they may share it with their college dean.

c) **Halifax Initiative**
John Dooley reported that Virginia Tech's program presence in Halifax County at the Riverstone Park no longer exists as of December 1, 2009. There will continue to be activities in Halifax; however there will no longer be a position based there.

d) **Engagement Academy 2010**
Jeri Childers reported on the 2010 Engagement Academy *(see handout)*. This will be held on June 7-11, 2010 and will include twelve institutions, six teams including the Virginia Tech Team, and a total of twenty participants. New to the academy this year will be a team from New Zealand.

**Other**
a) Bob Smith announced that there will be a conference at the Hotel Roanoke October 14-16, 2010, celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

b) Patrick Miller announced that a group from the College of Architecture and Urban Studies toured the Christiansburg Institute.

c) Frank Smith reported that the Post-Doctoral Bridge to Business Program will kickoff on Memorial Day, May 31, 2010.

d) Ray Ali reported that Rick Rudd, acting director of Extension, will be stepping down to assume his role as department head in Agriculture and Extension. Dean Allan Grant will serve as director of Cooperative Extension during the search process.

**Next Meetings (Tentative):**
- May 25, 2010 2-3:30 210 Burruss (PBR)
- July 27, 2010 2-3:30 210 Burruss (PBR)
- September 28, 2010 2-3:30 210 Burruss (PBR)

Respectfully submitted,

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