

**OUTREACH COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
May 30, 2006**

*Present:* Bonham, Hap; Childers, Jeri; Dooley, John; Franklin, Tim; Johnson, Jim; Mihalik, Brian; Schubert, Robert; Settle, Ted; Short, Susan ; van Gelder, Brenda

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

John Dooley welcomed members. Self-introductions were made and Brian Mihalik was welcomed as the new representative from the Graduate School.

**2. Announcements**

- Hap Bonham announced this will be his last Outreach Council meeting and that his replacement has not been officially named.
- The second Faculty Development program and the International Graduate program were successful.
- Brenda van Gelder announced that she would be meeting with Rick Boucher to discuss the outreach efforts that are underway with communities for advanced network infrastructure.
- Bob Schubert will be one of the Roanoke Center's distinguished faculty lecturers in October.
- The Psychology Department will be conducting a neuropsychological clinical trial sponsored by Hershey at the Roanoke Center. The study will be looking at the impact of dark chocolate on cognitive processes.

**3. Strategic Planning Update with college reports**

John Dooley informed the council that the draft of the entire strategic plan may be found on the Provost's website. The council reported that they have received no feedback from faculty.

- Bob Schubert gave an overview on how the College of Architecture and Urban Studies is responding to the Strategic Plan.
- Hap Bonham informed the council that at this time there is nothing to report from the College of Business. Discussions should begin around the middle of July.
- Brian Mihalik reported on the Graduate School. It was suggested that one area that needs to be looked at is the area of the commonwealth campus centers.
- Jim Johnson reported that currently there have been no discussions on the strategic plan. It was suggested that someone from the college make a presentation on land care at one of the council's fall meetings.

**4. Economic, Cultural Investment Summit: Engaging Diverse Communities:**

Susan Short shared information with the council on a symposium entitled *An Economic, Cultural Investment Summit: Engaging Diverse Communities* that will be conducted at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center on Thursday, June 22. It was suggested that people in Russell County may be interested in the symposium and that information be sent to Penny McCallum at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center to distribute.

**5. Outreach NOW Conference – Program Update and Pre-conference workshop:**

The conference will take place on September 27, 2006 at the Inn at Virginia Tech.

- Of the thirty-three proposals submitted, eight were selected

- This year a pre-conference workshop has been added. It will consist of a team of four from each college and the focus will be on documenting and evaluating outreach scholarship. The workshop will be lead by Lorilee Sandmann from the University of GA.

**6. The Engaged University**

Jeri Childers and Ted Settle informed the council of an event, which Tim and Nancy Franklin helped facilitate, entitled *The Engaged University, the Leadership Role for Higher Education*. The event took place on May 23.

**7. Other**

- Jeri Childers announced to the council that Rudi Luyendijk would be leaving Outreach Program Development for a position in Iowa. She also informed the council that her unit would be launching a search for a new CPE director. She asked for the council's involvement in that process and if any member would be interested in joining the search committee to contact her.
- John Dooley announced that the July Outreach Council meeting be cancelled. The next scheduled meeting will be in September.

Respectfully submitted,  
Holly Carroll  
Recording Secretary