

**OUTREACH COUNCIL
MINUTES
July 26, 2005**

Present: Blair, Jim; Bonham, Hap; Childers, Jeri; Dooley, John; Faulkner, Susan; Felker, Susan; Fisher, Beth; Franklin, Tim; Gittens, Brian; Hardcastle, Valerie; Hughes, Teresa; Johnson, Jim; Jones, Roy; Schubert, Robert; Settle, Ted; Van Gelder, Brenda

Participants were welcomed.

1. *Technology Transfer Centers*

Ted Settle gave the council an overview of technology transfer centers, which is currently in a conceptual stage. Ted asked the council for naming suggestions. The council will be informed as this concept continues to evolve.

2. *Revisions to the P&T Guidelines*

John Dooley informed the council that the revisions to the P&T guidelines have been posted. He asked the council for suggestions on how to bring the revised guidelines to the attention of departmental or college P&T committees.

3. *Outreach NOW Event*

Jeri Childers updated the council on the Outreach NOW event scheduled for September 28, 2005. She presented the council with brief agenda. The council was asked for their feedback on the proposed panel for the event. The council was encouraged to contact department heads and ask them to get names of those to be invited to the event to Linda Price by an agreed deadline of August 15th. The council suggested inviting department heads, university libraries, Extension and the Provost Office, as well as the college P&T committees.

Contact information of centers, departments or individuals that might like to exhibit their outreach programs was asked to be sent to Susan Felker.

4. *BOV International Retreat*

John Dooley relayed to the council that the Board of Visitors International Retreat in June was very positive. The board endorsed the objectives and goals in the university's international strategic plan.

5. *International Leadership Program*

John Dooley described to the council the International Leadership Program. Deans will be invited to nominate two people to be a part of next year's program. It was agreed that a participant from the program will be invited to a future Outreach Council meeting.

6. *Update on Inn and Conference Center*

Updates:

- To date the closest Blacksburg Transit bus stop is located near West Campus Drive and the duck pond area.
- Having a drop off or stopping point for the SmartWay bus is still being considered.
- A lunch shuttle will be provided between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- The ballroom has been completed as of July 21st.

- Completion of the Alumni Center will be on August 20th.
- The target completion date of the high tech auditorium is September 10th.

Feedback:

- Most feedback continues to be positive.
- The state rate for room reservations continues to be a concern.

7. Other

Jim Blair informed the council that Virginia Tech has dropped five points in the NSF research rankings.

Tim Franklin encouraged council members, if they have not already done so, to visit the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research in Danville.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Carroll
Recording Secretary