

OUTREACH COUNCIL
November 25, 2008
2:00-3:30 pm
210 Burruss Hall
MINUTES

Present: Childers, Jeri; Dooley, John; Felker, Susan; Inzana, Tom (sub for Bob Walters); Mihalik, Brian; Miller, Patrick; Piercy, Fred; Short, Susan; Smith, Bob; Settle, Ted; van Gelder, Brenda

1. Welcome

John Dooley welcomed everyone and invited the group to share any announcements.

Fred Piercy announced that he had recently hosted guests from the NSF who were exploring the possibility of hosting NSF Workshops on the Virginia Tech campus in the future.

2. Discussion Item

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

- CLAHS: Fred Piercy indicated his area was looking at meetings with the department heads.
- CNR: Bob Smith said there was not much impact at this time.
- CNS: Brenda van Gelder indicated that the IT area is able to get discounts for departments for certain services including licenses and data storage.
- Research: Tom Inzana did not have any specifics right now.
- OPD: Jeri Childers indicated that in her area it varied by unit. Some areas aren't affected, while there are some wage employees who may lose their positions.
- CCC's: Susan Short indicated that the Commonwealth Campus Centers (CCC) understood their potential and there are some graduate programs to generate some revenue.
- CAUS: Patrick Miller indicated any budget cuts beyond 7% is going to be painful.

3. Updates

a) Tobacco Commission Special Projects Actions

Ted Settle spoke on the Tobacco Commission Special Projects. He indicated there is 36 million dollars available for five (5) energy R & D facilities. Virginia Tech is involved in four (4) of them. The areas where these facilities will be located are Abingdon, Danville, Lynchburg/Bedford and Halifax. Ted has been asked what will be the operating budget for this project.

b) Processes to Facilitate Education Abroad/International Classes

John spoke in response to Brian Mihalik's question about Education Abroad between semesters from last meeting. John had previously spoken to Pat Hyer and asked why faculty could not be paid as an overload. Pat responded that faculty that are not on 12 month contracts cannot earn any payment beyond what is allowed according to the faculty/staff handbook. Brian asked if there could be a funding source in lieu of pay for conferences. John is to go back to Pat Hyer and ask.

c) Overview Evaluation of Outreach NOW 2008

Jeri Childers spoke on the specifics of Outreach NOW 2008. She indicated 71% of those registered attended. Some of the feedback received included the positive comments on the student involvement as well as the poster sessions. She indicated that September 14, 2009 is being held for next year's event, with the theme of "Internationalization".

d) Outreach NOW 2009

John spoke on the topic of Outreach NOW 2009. He indicated when over the past couple years, the theme followed the strategic plan of Virginia Tech. With issues surrounding budgets for next year, Outreach NOW 2009 will be looked at closely and possible scaled down.

e) Virginia Tech Program Outreach Along US 58

Ted presented a slide show on Outreach along US 58 (attached).

f) Engagement Academy 2009

Jeri passed out a "save the date" card and a flyer for the Engagement Academy 2009-June 22-26, 2009. She discussed promoting teams to be represented from the different universities, with a team being two (2) or more people. Ted and Bob Smith spoke positively of the team aspect. Candidates are nominated by the President or Provost of a university. The cost to attend is \$3,795 for a week long program at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center.

4. Other

John asked if there were any other announcements or items of discussion. There were none, the meeting was adjourned at 3 pm.

5. Next Meetings (Tentative):

January 27, 2009 2-3:30 210 Burruss (PBR)

March 31, 2009 2-3:30 210 Burruss (PBR)

May 26, 2009 2-3:30 210 Burruss (PBR)

July 28, 2009 2-3:30 210 Burruss (PBR)

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Rhodes
Recording Secretary