

OUTREACH COUNCIL
November 27, 2012; 2:00-3:30 pm
325 Burruss Hall
MINUTES

Present: Andrea Brunais, Tom Campbell, Christine Fiori, Gary Kirk, Jerry Niles, Bill Pierson, John Provo, Susan Short, Bob Smith, Debra Stoudt, Brenda van Gelder, Scott Weimer

Welcome

Susan Short welcomed everyone; self-introductions were made.

Announcements

Susan made the call for announcements.

Andrea Brunais announced a couple of stories that were featured on NPR; one regarding Coal jobs and the other regarding quail in Catawba (http://www.wvtf.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2521:coal-jobs-decline&catid=48:wvtf-news&Itemid=119); and http://www.wvtf.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2525:restoring-their-habitat&catid=48:wvtf-news&Itemid=119, respectively).

Brenda van Gelder announced that NPR was to air a piece regarding Erv Blythe entitled "History of the Internet" (http://www.wvtf.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2530:history-of-the-internet&catid=48:wvtf-news&Itemid=119).

Susan asked Gary Kirk if he would present at the January 29th meeting about the Ut Prosim Index.

Personnel Updates

Susan invited the group to give an update on Personnel.

Christine Fiori and John Provo contributed that the announcement (http://www.provost.vt.edu/briefs/VPOIA_Ad.pdf) and position description (http://www.provost.vt.edu/briefs/VPOIA_Position_Description.pdf) for the search for the VP for Outreach and International Affairs has been posted on line through the Provost's Office (<http://www.provost.vt.edu/>). The tentative time line will be around the end of January for reviews and late February for on-campus interviews. The position description changed from the last search. The request was made that the Outreach Council be included in the on-campus visits.

Scott Weimer announced he has an Assistant Director, Instructional Designer and Program and Administrative Assistant in the works.

Tom Campbell announced ICTAS is currently interviewing for a Program Manager.

Andrea announced the new Communications Coordinator for the Language and Culture Institute and Outreach and International Affairs.

Debby Stoudt announced the search for the Director of the School of Education, who also serves as the Associate Dean for Professional Education, is in the works.

Susan announced that Steve Skripak with Pamplin College of Business will be joining us at future meetings and has taken Frank Smith's seat on the council.

Commission on Outreach and International Affairs-Awards Update

Christine presented a PowerPoint presentation (**see attached**) on the Commission on Outreach and International Affairs (COIA)-Alumni Awards for Outreach Excellence. It included the change to a two-step process for individuals to complete a one-page nomination form; and nominees will be notified by COIA to complete a packet prior to January 31, 2013. The question was raised if there is a way to keep the

confidentiality of the nominator, and this item will be included as an additional check box on the form for next year.

The group thought about some possible nominations and was charged to send nominations to Kim Rhodes by Friday, November 30, 2012.

Updates

The Inn Incentive Funds

Susan reported that The Inn Incentive Fund has about \$30,000 available for new program initiatives. The programs must be delivered within two (2) years.

Council Program Updates

Jerry Niles kicked off the discussion regarding Council Program updates in relation to the University Strategic Plan within the different Colleges and units.

Bob Smith described expanding northern Virginia efforts, master's programs in Natural Resources; on-line programs; minor in global Natural Resources and water degree program. There will be a National conference in June 2013; a new center in northern Virginia; modeling future resources through targeting professional and corporate connections.

Bill Pierson discussed the satellite office for Vet Med in Roanoke as being a part of their Strategic Plan as well as contributing to the teaching hospital. The Department of Health Sciences is to go through the accreditation process; work is in progress for a Center for Public and Corporate Vet Med in Maryland; continuation of International Partners to include Chennai, University of Austral, France and a new MOU for Mongolia.

Christine spoke about the School of Construction; students and more study abroad; and the promotion of service learning.

Debby Stoudt spoke about the traditional pursuit of engagement in her college as well as the successful integration of engagement by some CLAHS faculty with their teaching and/or research agenda. The Engagement section of the new strategic plan in CLAHS references: building of service learning opportunities domestically and internationally, strengthening of P-12 partnerships; advancement of a College-wide culture that values engagement and service-based activities; and promotion of mentorship for engaged scholarship are referenced in the plan as well. Experiential learning is moving forward in collaboration with educational institutions in Morocco and Sri Lanka.

Tom Campbell discussed strategic partnerships; research commercialization; Research Centers; and goals for the ICTAS Strategic Plan.

Brenda discussed their area followed themes for the University Plan, and has included a lot of what was already being done with new projects. The Blacksburg Electronic Village; Broadband speed testing; keeping secure maintenance are all major projects in the plan.

Discussion for the group as a whole included engagement; promotion and tenure and funding and departmental support.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Tentative Meetings for 2013:

January 29, 2013	325 Burruss	May 21, 2013	325 Burruss
March 26, 2013	210 Burruss-	July 30, 2013	325 Burruss
(NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION)		September 24, 2013	325 Burruss
		November 19, 2013	325 Burruss

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Rhodes
Recording Secretary

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