

**University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA)**  
**January 22, 2024**  
**526 Prices Fork Road/Zoom**  
**Minutes**

**Attendance:** Jennifer Nardine (Presiding), Tom Archibald, Amanda Broome, Jennifer Clevenger, Rachel Fitzgerald, Kathy Hager, Khaled Hassouna, Farida Jalalzai, Theresa Johansson, Elsie Paredes, Kimberly Rhodes, Jeffrey Van Doren

**Zoom Attendance:** Brian Bond, Christi Lineberry, Charles Lowery, Kim McKinnie, Mallory Miller, Lauren Oliver, Cassidy Rist, Nicole Sanderlin, Sara Steinert Borella, Lauren Surface, Judy Taylor, Tom Thompson, Jen Tkacz, Janell Watson

Jennifer Nardine welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Visual attendance was taken; quorum was established.

1. **Agenda Approval:** Jennifer N. asked for a motion to approve the Agenda; motion was made and seconded; there were no edits and no opposition to the Agenda as presented; the Agenda was approved.
2. **Announcement of Approval of Minutes, November 27, 2023:** The minutes from the November 27, 2023 meeting had been previously distributed electronically, and were approved electronically (**ATTACHMENT A**).
3. **Alumni Awards for International Education, Outreach and Research:** Tom Archibald announced that the deadline for the Alumni Awards for International Education, Outreach and Research is 4:00 p.m. on January 31, 2024; and that there have been numerous announcements in the E-Daily News highlighting the submission of award packets. He asked that members continue to spread the word.
4. **Updates:**
  - a. **Internationalization at Home Working Group Update**

Rachel Fitzgerald announced that information outlining the global badge was going out to members for review and would like feedback by February 15<sup>th</sup>. The committee has not yet met this semester, but an update will be coming once the committee has met.
  - b. **Global Central Website:** Amanda Broome reported for Rich Mathieson regarding the website. The website has been approved; and is being created. Designs are to be proposed to UCIA for feedback.
  - c. **Global Newsletter:** Amanda announced that the global newsletter is almost ready and approvals need to be obtained. There will be a select group to review prior to launch, and the group will be notified this week. As a reminder, the email address for articles is [globalnews@vt.edu](mailto:globalnews@vt.edu).
5. **Member Announcements/Comments:** The call for announcements/comments was made.

Theresa Johansson announced that CETL, TLOS and GEO are moving toward collaborating with Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) Leadership Institute this semester. **Global Learning in the Classroom: Strategies and Support:** *Join the Global Education Office and the Center for Excellence for Teaching and Learning to learn more about developing undergraduate students' awareness of and engagement with global topics as well as fostering intercultural understanding in your classroom. Workshop facilitators and faculty panelists will share strategies and examples of course modifications, ranging from minor to comprehensive. Participants will also hear about resources and support, including Global Learning Grant and the Pathway to Study Abroad Grant programs, for incorporating global learning into your courses. Thursday, February 1, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.;* Tiffany Shoop, CETL; Theresa Johansson, GEO; Rachel Fitzgerald, GEO; **Graduate Life Center, TLOS Classroom;** **Registration Link:** <https://profdev.tlos.vt.edu/browse/teachingandlearning/courses/cetl93-020124>.

Theresa also announced an award of \$60,000 to be used this semester for programs with a focus on new technology; and creation of meaningful, cultural experiences for those unable to leave campus. The focus is on folks allowing accessibility and social equity. A small portion can be used for scholarships; students will work with international partners in parallel and work on projects virtually.

Farida Jalalzai announced that last semester there were three (3) Israel/Palestine events held on campus. There will be another event, Pathways to Peace in the Israel-Palestine Conflict to be held on January 31<sup>st</sup>; at 5:00 p.m.; The website will have more information, and is open to those with a Virginia Tech email address only: <https://events.liberalarts.vt.edu/event/pathways-to-peace-in-the-israel-palestine-conflict/>.

Farida also announced the Living and Learning Abroad Photo Exhibit which will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.; in Newman Library, second floor; <https://events.liberalarts.vt.edu/event/living-and-learning-abroad-photo-exhibit/>. This event, sponsored by CLAHS, University Libraries and the Global Education Office, with feature photos by participants that have traveled abroad sharing their experiences.

Jennifer Clevenger announced that Pamplin College of Business received a grant for the German Fulbright Institute.

Kimberly Rhodes read a summary regarding the Global Strategy Working group and Report, being prepared by Outreach and International Affairs. The document is a white paper for the President and Provost to showcase gaps in the University around funding, organizational structure, efficiencies and investments that will be needed to make Virginia Tech a University of Global relevance. The white paper will reflect suggested actionable items for the University to take. Data has been collected from the Foreign Language department, as well as other departments, centers, programs, institutes and discussions with University Students, Faculty, Staff and Governance Systems over the past year and a half.

The University has formed a Steering Committee on Global Distinction to advance, to the next level and to represent growth and metrics for aspirational peers. There has been a committee formed, in which Guru Ghosh is a member of, and updates will come to UCIA as appropriate. Jennifer N. asked if the white paper would be made public, Kimberly R. indicated the paper would go to the President and Provost and they would determine next steps.

Mallory Miller discussed that there will be a retreat January 29<sup>th</sup> with members to report back to constituents. The committee will develop short term goals as well as long-term goals; as well as putting forth the two (2) priorities of the President forth for the critical needs budget request: VT Advantage and VT Global Distinction.

6. **Announcement of Next Meeting:** A reminder that the next meeting will be held on **Monday, February 26, 2024, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. (Blacksburg Time)/4:00 p.m. (Swiss Time)**. **PLEASE NOTE:** This meeting will be both an in-person and Zoom (hybrid) meeting; for those that are local, please join us at 526 Prices Fork Road, Large Conference Room.

7. **Adjournment:** There being no further business and no objections, a motion to adjourn was made; seconded; all were in favor the meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

**2023-2024 Meeting Dates:** *All meetings will take place from 10:00-11:00 a.m. (Blacksburg Time)/4:00-5:00 p.m. (Swiss Time). Those members unable to attend are encouraged to send a proxy/alternate to the meeting.*

- February 26, 2024
- March 25, 2024 (\*3:00-4:00 p.m. Switzerland)
- April 22, 2024
- **NO MAY MEETING**

Respectfully submitted

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**Visitors Attending by Zoom:** Rebecca Folmar, Stacy King, Lynn Meadows, Reed Nagel, Trudy Riley, Melinda West

Jennifer Nardine welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.; self-introductions were made. Visual attendance was taken; quorum was established.

1. **Agenda Approval:** Jennifer N. asked for a motion to approve the Agenda; motion was made and seconded; there were no edits and no opposition to the Agenda as presented; the Agenda was approved.
2. **Announcement of Approval of Minutes, October 23, 2023:** The minutes from the October 23, 2023 meeting had been previously distributed electronically, and were approved electronically (**ATTACHMENT A**).
3. **Research Security in Academia:** John Talerico presented slides (**ATTACHMENT B**). The presentation included Export Control's work with divisions across campus; discussion of the directive, National Security Presidential Memo (NSPM)-33, cybersecurity, foreign travel security, research security training and export control training. A draft document for requirements for research security programs has been developed by the federal government, but needs to be finalized in order for regulations to be implemented. Disclosure of activities and transparency is key in order to maintain research and funding with foreign partners. Some countries are listed as a "foreign country of concern" and currently include People's Republic of China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Russian Federation and Islamic Republic of Iran. Universities can be at risk where international activities should continue, there still may be a vulnerability. Virginia Tech will have 12 months after the final rules are available to put some processes in place. Emphasis is on employees to disclose activities to review appropriateness prior to becoming an issue for the federal government. John indicated that his office generally has a conversation before travel internationally as well as a follow-up after the travel to gain information and explore data safety and security of intellectual property. The question has been raised regarding summer work and independent research; but the federal government has warned that issues could still impact future funding, therefore disclosure is still necessary. In the interest of time, additional questions may be directed to John Talerico.

Jennifer N. announced there would not be a December meeting, the next meeting would be **January 22, 2024**.

4. **Updates:**

a. **International Education Week**

Robert Emmett gave a summary of the success of International Education Week. He indicated over the course of the week, there were over 600 participants, with half the amount participating in the first day. By the end of the week most of the students had left for the holiday break. The planning committee is scheduled to meet in the next couple of weeks to provide feedback from this year, elect a new chair for next year, and to discuss planning for next year. There is a need to secure space in February for advanced planning; as well as discussion to focus on promotion and marketing of the event for 2024. Robert wanted to recognize several of the folks that were in the meeting that served on the committee and assisted in making the event a success.

**b. Working Group Updates**

1. **Internationalization at Home:** Rachel Fitzgerald gave an update on the Global Learning Badge and the connection with the Bridge experience. The hope is to have learning outcomes and skills and explore cultural identity and self-connection within the world. The hope is to have a three-tiered program to include core values with required courses at each level; engagement hours; leadership hours and experiential learning; as well as develop a small cohort pilot program for spring. On behalf of the Internationalization at Home working group, she invites your feedback on the Global Learning Badge draft (**ATTACHMENT C**) prior to the January meeting. Please feel free to email recommendations or edits to Rachel ([rfitz@vt.edu](mailto:rfitz@vt.edu)).
2. **Global at Home Central Website:** Rich Mathieson discussed the continued work being done on the website; more to come in the future.
3. **Global Newsletter:** Amanda indicated the newsletter is almost ready to go; as a reminder, the email address for articles is [globalnews@vt.edu](mailto:globalnews@vt.edu).

5. **Member Announcements/Comments:** The call for announcements/comments was made.

Jennifer N. announced she had met with the new interim director of Cranwell to discuss increased communications of international events.

Guru Ghosh announced President Sands and Provost Clarke made a visit to the Republic of Botswana, led and hosted by Kathy Alexander to discuss a 27 million grant. Guru also gave kudos to Reed Nagle who was at today's UCIA meeting in helping bring back students during COVID.

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7. **Adjournment:** There being no further business and no objections, a motion to adjourn was made by Theresa Johansson; seconded by Farida Jalalzai; all were in favor the meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

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| ➤ <b>NO DECEMBER MEETING</b> | ➤ March 25, 2024 (*3:00-4:00 p.m. Switzerland) |
| ➤ January 22, 2024           | ➤ April 22, 2024                               |
| ➤ February 26, 2024          | ➤ <b>NO MAY MEETING</b>                        |

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