

UCIA Meeting

Monday, January 25, 2016

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

International Affairs Offices, Conference Room A

David Brady, *Director, Export Control & Secure Research Compliance*

Andrea Brunais, *Communications Director, Outreach & International Affairs*

Tom Brown, *Director, Dean of Students*

David Clubb, *Director, Cranwell International Center*

Monika Gibson, *Director, Graduate School*

Guru Gosh, *Vice President, Outreach & International Affairs*

Carolyn Harris, *Lecturer, Architecture*

Theresa Johansson, *Director, Global Education Office*

Reed Kennedy, *Director of International Programs, Pamplin College of Business*

Ian Leuschner, *Director, International Support Services*

Susan Neu, *Language and Culture Institute*

Jerzy Nowak, *International Programs, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences*

Nicole Sanderlin, *Director of International Programs, College of Engineering*

Gerhardt Schurig, *Professor, Biomedical Science*

Debra Stoudt, *Associate Dean for Academic Policies and Procedures, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences*

Eric Vance, *Faculty Senate; Assistant Research Professor and Director of LISA (Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Statistical Analysis)*

Larry Vaughan, *Office of International Research, Education, and Development (OIREd)*

Samantha Winn, *University Libraries*

1. Welcome, introductions, and approval of October minutes

Nicole Sanderlin called the meeting to order and asked participants to introduce themselves. A motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting was made by Ian Leuschner, seconded by Theresa Johansson, and approved unanimously.

2. Constituent reports

a. International Support Services

Ian Leuschner reported that only one proposal had been received for the Service Learning in Nepal. The deadline will be extended to January 29.

b. OESRC

David Brady – Nothing to report.

c. Graduate School

Monika Gibson – Nothing to report.

d. OIREd

Larry Vaughn reported that in December, Dennis Treacy, a member of the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors, traveled to East Africa for an Integrated Pest Management Lab meeting on an invasive weed. The trip was successful and hopefully gave insight for a better appreciation of IPM's work and how it relates to Virginia Tech's mission.

Andrea Brunais advised council members to be on the lookout for the trip video coming out in the VT news this week with the title "Invasive plant conference in Ethiopia targets 'worst weed of the century'".

OIRED recently submitted a large Natural Resource Management project proposal for work in Ghana. Awardees will be notified between April and June.

e. Cranwell International Center

David Clubb announced that the Project Batch Software Solutions with the university has had a setback referencing IT concerns and they are currently working toward a solution. The program implementation will be pushed back from fall 2016 to spring 2017. Lia Kelinsky was hired as the new Assistant Director. Cranwell welcomed approximately 20-30 exchange students, three of them athletes, for the spring semester with a new orientation program that proved to be engaging and exciting. On May 11, 2016, Cranwell will be hosting its first International Cultural Achievement Ceremony. A teleconference took place last week involving Major General Fullhart from the VT Corps of Cadets and the Secretary of Defense Office. The Saudi Arabian government is interested in sending 300-400 high school graduates to one of the top six U.S. senior military academies. Ongoing negotiations will take up to a year to prepare.

A question was raised about the gender of the students and how that would fit into VT's current structure. Legal and Export Control will relay the necessary information to the responsible parties.

f. Language and Culture Institute

Susan Neu reporting for Don Back informed the group that Foreign Language classes will once again be offered for free to staff and faculty this semester. The language classes include Spanish, French, German and Chinese. The institute is excited to announce a new opportunity for spouses to take classes as well. Eleven visiting Humphrey Fellows will be at Virginia Tech from mid-March to mid-August. The host countries and professional areas are still unknown at this time. This is the last year of the five year grant. Enrollment is setting at 250 students this semester. A State Department Grant was received called the Mendala Washington Fellowship. This means that Virginia Tech will potentially receive 25 young Sub-Saharan African leaders for six weeks in June. After their Virginia Tech visit, they will complete an intensive course with the State Department. The Fellows, half male and half female, have been identified as civic leaders and are highly regarded in their fields. Virginia Tech will be looking for peer mentors and host families during the duration of this highly regarded program. Suggested contacts from the group were to touch base with Josiah Tlou, Patricia Kelly and the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

g. Global Education

Theresa Johansson reported that the Financial Aid processes have been a little better in coordinating aid payout. Theresa, Karl Markgraf and Jane Swan just returned from a successful trip to Ghana that may result in a three week service learning component for summer of 2017. GEO has two ongoing position searches, one for an Assistant Director of Global Education for Partnerships and Affiliations and a Faculty Support Associate. As of Monday, 21 Globalization Curriculum Grants have been submitted and the committee hopes to convene this week for review. A handout was presented on some upcoming webinars through the Institute for Cross-Cultural Teaching and Learning. All are welcome to join. The next webinars will take place on February 18 (4-5pm), March 17 (4-5pm) and April 21 (4-5pm).

h. International Education Policy Committee

The date for the next IEPC meeting is unknown. They will follow up with Betty Watts. Ian reminded the college representatives from Pamplin, Architecture and Engineering that the foot work for removing the per credit hour class fees is in the beginning stages. The extra fees are an important topic to retain healthy exchanges. Two Erasmus Plus agreements are being considered. One from the University of Trento and the other Technische Universitat Darmstadt.

i. OIA

Guru Ghosh was delighted with Dennis Treacy's involvement with OIRED. A request has been made to have Dennis Treacy and Rangaswamy Muniappan (Muni) present a video showcase to the BOV during the next research meeting in March. Several members from UCIA are currently in Oman in an ongoing working relationship to make sure our actions there remain strong and vibrant. Dr. Ghosh just returned from Chennai, India, where he finalized the partnership with MGR University. In the effort of promoting Ut Prosim, hoping that Theresa Johansson's recent trip to Ghana will set up partnerships of service learning for years to come. A recent visit to Shandong, China, shows a thriving expansion of the Mechanical Engineering program. Some discussion took place on the ownership of Chennai.

A replacement for Pamplin at the Steger Center is still under consideration. Interest has been received from Geo Sciences and Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. A question was posed about the International Faculty Development for 2017. It has not been discussed and may be postponed.

3. UCIA Membership Addendum

David Clubb once again introduced adding a representative from the Corps of Cadets/ROTC to the UCIA membership. This is the second announcement prior to voting.

4. Global Priorities for Advancement

Nicole Sanderlin passed around a handout of shared ideas and priorities she collected after meeting with Charlie Phlegar, Vice President for Advancement. The handout identifies four sections – Students, Faculty, Alumni and Administrative Support. She invited additional ideas from the group.

Theresa Johansson suggested adding a funding structure for the Global LLC. Ian Leuschner said that international alumni should be given some consideration. Dr. Ghosh noted a recent meeting with Patty Perillo, the President and Provost included suggestions for a location on campus to hold up to 515 employees and 300-500 student room accommodations. The facility also needs to include housing for guests and short term faculty, space for cultural events and performances. Theresa Johansson wants a green roof. Larry Vaughn added the possibility of adding a new programmatic proposal management tool.

5. Alumni Awards for International Excellence

Larry Vaughn said the application deadline is January 26, 2016, and the committee isn't sure how many proposals have been received. They will follow up with Betty Watts.

6. Global Village report

Monika Gibson summarized on behalf of the group that the Global Village committee continues to meet once a month sharing ideas, inviting curriculum, naming ideas, wondering about inviting by application or invitation, down to decorations. The group is currently looking at other examples as a reference for good starting point. Discussion took place on funding possibilities.

7. Other items

Eric Vance recently participated in a 20/20 statistics conference in India where they hope to develop 20 statistics labs in developing countries by 2020.

Dr. Ghosh noted a visiting speaker, Jose Antonio Vargas, January 28. The topic: Elevating the Conversation around Immigration and Citizenship in America. The program will be from 5-6 pm at The Lyric Theatre.

Samantha Winn said the Library has an ongoing set of programs this semester. One upcoming program is Latino Americans 500 years. Be on the lookout in late April for a large capstone event. The information will be shared through Betty Watts for UCIA.

Reed Kennedy announced that Pamplin and VT Engage will be sponsoring a campus visit of the founder of Students Helping Honduras. Shin Fujiyama will be presenting in the Haymarket Theatre on February 16.

There were no further items to discuss and the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Schedule of meetings for 2015-2016 academic year (all meetings to take place from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Conference Room A, International Affairs Offices):

February 29

March 28

April 25

May 9