

University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA)
Minutes
January 25, 2021
Zoom

Attendees:

Latanya Walker, Khaled Hassouna, Don Hempson, Danny White, Janell Watson, Jennifer Clevenger, Abhay Joshi, Tom Thompson, Josh Talerico, Juan Espinoza, Theresa Johansson, Nicole Sanderlin, Don Back, Jennifer Nardine, Ian Leuschner, Valerie Ragan, Rich Mathieson, Monika Gibson, Mallory Miller, David Clubb, Patricia Hughes

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions: Latanya welcomed each person present.
2. Admissions Update:
Juan Espinoza gave an update on the 2021 Admissions Summary. VT met or exceeded their projections. He then provided a breakdown by country with the number of applications, offers and acceptances. 2672 international applications were submitted. The target number for new international and transfer students is capped at 275. The university cap is 30,000 students. Most students are still enrolled in virtual learning.
3. Language and Cultural Institute
Enrollment at LCI is down. Applications are up within the last two weeks.
The 3+1 Programs should be good for LCI in the long run.
Began a program with University of Mosul in Iraq for English language center (virtual).
Consulting contract in Saudi Arabia related to assessment and evaluation training.
4. Global Data Committee
Nicole gave a brief history of the sub-committee for the new members. She welcomed Abhay Joshi, who has been instrumental in developing the test site. Nicole presented a PowerPoint outlining the Global Data Project Update including 9 Global Data Priorities. VT faculty and staff will be able to request access to the site. Abhay went through a brief demo of the current system. Feedback is requested by Wednesday, February 3.
5. Global Alumni Committee
Tabled to the next meeting
6. Alumni Awards
Please share the information widely.

Adjournment-There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 22 at 10:30 AM via Zoom.

Patricia S. Hughes
Recording Secretary