

University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA)
Minutes
January 27, 2020
526 Prices Fork Road Blacksburg, Room 121 A

Attendance:

Members: Svetlana Filiatreau, David Clubb, Ian Leuschner, Debra Stout, Bob Bodnar, Jennifer Nardine, Don Hempson, Theresa Johansson, Shelby Miller, April Raphiou, Monika Gibson, Janell Watson, Patricia Parera, Tom Thompson, Jenene Belcher, Nicole Sanderlin, Rob Emmett, Mallory Miller, Gene Ball

UCIA Agenda Items for the January 27, 2020 meeting

1. Introductions
Svetlana gave a general welcome to all. Individual introductions were made.
2. Brief unit updates from around the table regarding international activities and anticipated initiatives for the 2020 and beyond
 - a. The Library now has a pilot research guide in Spanish. Other languages to be added as they are available.
 - b. LCI-Patricia Parera spoke about the Fulbright students from Argentina.
She also spoke about the Semester Exchange program in Buenos Aires made possible through VT's participation in the 100 Strong in the Americas.
 - c. David Clubb announced that the Cranwell Center will be handling graduate and undergraduate immigration services beginning in the fall of 2020.
Also, the International Street Fair will be held on April 26 in a new location along Alumni Mall.
 - d. Deborah Stout announced that CLAHS is in the process of hiring an Associate Dean for International Programs.
3. OIA Updates – Don Hempson
 - International Centers
 - **Steger Center**
 - ❖ *Management Task Force – looking at 1) Infrastructure and Facilities; 2) Legal and Governmental Issues; 3) Programming; 4) Administration and Operations. Report due to VP OIA by end of AY19-20.*
 - ❖ *New summer programming including some non-academic programming.*
 - **VT-India**
 - ❖ *Provost visited in November*
 - ❖ *Data Science Certificate Program Awarding*
 - ❖ *Thapar University Commencement Address*
 - **Center for the Sciences and Global Sustainability**
 - ❖ *Visited in Nov/Dec; exploring new programming opportunities beyond VetMed*

- ❖ *Some interest in ICAT and The Cube*
- **Expo 2020**
 - ❖ *Future HAUS*
 - ❖ *Programming around this event – study abroad programming, alumni and industry engagement*
- **Strategic Planning Process**
 - ❖ *Will be working internally with IA team to map out an international strategic plan*
 - ❖ *Then put before UCIA for review and discussion*

4. Global Data Working Group update (Nicole Sanderlin)

Over Fall 2019, the Global Data Working Group worked to compile a master list of metrics needed in order to support reporting of global activities across the university. Members of Analytics and Institutional Effectiveness joined us for meetings and shared with us the university's efforts with the University DataCommons, managed through Decision Support Services. Don Hempsom and Nicole Sanderlin met with Abhay Joshi to explore whether a dashboard could be created in the DataCommons to report global data. With the help of the working group, we focused the metrics to 8 that we would like to have in the dashboard sorted by country. These include:

1. # of students to (study abroad)/from (international students) specific countries
2. # of international scholars from this country
3. # of partnerships (i.e., MOUs, MOAs, Exchange Agreements, etc.) with institutions and/or international faculty in this country
4. # of VT faculty/staff traveling to this country (outbound) (to include name, dept, college, major, # of days spent, where, reason of visit)
5. # of VT faculty/staff with degrees from a foreign institution(s) in this country
6. # of VT alumni in this country – Career Services/LinkedIn
7. # of co-published articles with this country (VT faculty and foreign faculty co-published paper – SciVal/Elements)
8. # of students to specific countries for non-credit experiences

Don and Nicole will meet with Abhay and the assigned data scientist on Monday, Feb. 3 to discuss next steps, and we hope to have a project timeline after that meeting. The goal is to have a dashboard in DataCommons where this data can be pulled.

Upcoming meetings:

February 24, 2020
 March 23, 2020
 April 27, 2020
 May 25, 2020

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Patricia S. Hughes
 Recording Secretary