

University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA)
Minutes
January 28, 2019
526 Prices Fork Road Blacksburg, Room 121 A

Attendance:

Tom Thompson, Lia Kilinsky-Jones, Ian Leuschner, Debra Stout, Nicole Sanderlin, Judy Taylor, Monika Gibson, Svetlana Filiatreau, April Raphiou, Amar Hilel, Jenene Belcher, Valerie Ragan, Bob Bodnar, Guru Ghosh, Theresa Johansson

Tom Thompson, chair welcomed everyone. Introductions were made.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2018 meeting as distributed. The motion carried.

The following meeting schedule was announced:

February 25, 2019

March 25, 2019

April 22, 2019

May 6, 2019

All meetings will be held from 10:30-11:30 AM in Conference Room A, 526 Prices Fork Road.

The following Committee was formed to review the submissions for the Alumni Awards:

Svetlana Filiatreau

Theresa Johansson

Monica Gibson

Nicole Sanderlin

(One of last year's winners will also be invited to join).

The deadline for submissions was extended to February 19.

Updates:

Outreach and International Affairs:

Guru announced the creation of a task force to launch a Center in Botswana.

The search is underway for a new Associate Vice President.

The Alumni-Hokies in London event is scheduled for the last weekend in June. Attendance is estimate between 100 and 150 individuals. VT will have high-level participation.

The next Capital Campaign is being planned. By mid early October we should know more about whether Global Engagement will be on the agenda. It was suggested that a letter from UCIA be sent to the President, Provost and Deans. Tom will draft the letter.

Pamplin:

Svetlana reported that Pamplin was moving forward with the creation of a dual Masters with a University in China.

Global Education:

Theresa reported that the Darmstadt representative has arrived.
Phillina will be invited to speak to the group in February.
The President of Darmstadt University will be visiting in February.

Nicole Sanderlin, Director of Global Engagement for the College of Engineering, presented materials on the COE efforts in data collection for their annual report. Nicole volunteered to lead a committee to explore data needs and collection options. Volunteers were asked to contact Nicole if they wished to help in this effort.

Svetlana will be our speaker at the February meeting.

Old Business:

Short-term housing is still considered to be an issue for visitors. It was suggested that Frank Sushock be invited to attend one of the meetings to discuss this concern. A suggestion was made that the University may want to partner with the private sector to address this issue.

Lia reported that Harper has a 1 BR Apartment that is not fully utilized. Any occupant would have to have a background check before being admitted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Patricia S. Hughes
Recording Secretary