

University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA)
Minutes
February 22, 2021
Zoom

Attendees:

Latanya Walker, Don Back, John Talerico, Nicole Sanderlin, Don Hempson, Janell Watson, Gene Ball, Theresa Johansson, Jenifer Nardine, Monika Gibson, Jenene Belcher, Rich Matheson, Mallory Miller, David Clubb, Patricia Hughes

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions: Latanya welcomed each person present.
2. Global Data App
Nicole reported that 7 members responded with feedback on the Beta version. These comments were sent to Data Analytics. Two more sections are now available:
 1. MOU
 2. International Scholars and Employee counts

Nicole is requesting a meeting with the original committee to give feedback.
Don Hempson is working on cleaning up the MOU process.

3. Chair Updates

- a. Global Alumni Engagement Committee-Latanya reported that more work needs to be done before a formal presentation is given.
- b. Alumni Awards-Jennifer Nardine, John Talerico and Monika Gibson will serve as the committee to review the applications.
- c. 2021-2022 UCIA Chair-Danny White was elected to serve as chair for next year. A vice-chair will need to be elected.
- d. Black Alumni Reunion-will be virtual this year. Registration information will be sent out. Please consider students and Alumni for nominations for the ICON Award, and the Social Justice Award.
- e. Cultural Connections Handbook-Nicole shared a link for the handbook that is being revised. She stated that suggestions are welcome.

4. Updates from Additional UCIA Units

Study abroad received an exception for inbound and outbound students for Spring. They have 8 international students in Blacksburg. All Study Abroad participants must complete the GETOC process.

GEO presented a virtual workshop in conjunction with the Department of State Bureau on Educational and Cultural Affairs about the Gilman and Critical Language Scholarships. There were 80 participants.

She also provided the links for the scholarships. They are as follows:

The Benjamin Gilman Scholarship: <https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/>

The Critical Language Scholarship: <https://clscholarship.org/>

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 22, 2021.

There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned.

Patricia S. Hughes
Recording Secretary