

University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA)
Minutes
February 25, 2019
526 Prices Fork Road Blacksburg, Room 121 A

Attendance:

Tom Thompson, Debra Stoudt, Janell Watson, Philina Wittke, Svetlana Filiatreau, Keith Goyne, Van Crowder, Don Back, Rich Mathieson, Theresa Johansson, Andrea Brunais

Tom Thompson, chair, welcomed everyone. Introductions were made.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2019 meeting as distributed. The motion carried.

The Alumni Awards review committee will begin evaluating the nomination packets. Twelve packets were received by the deadline: Education-5, Research-2, Outreach-2. Patricia will send the names of the winners from last year to Tom and Svetlana.

Patricia to poll the membership concerning attendance at the March 25 meeting. The meeting will go forward as scheduled, and vice-chair Svetlana Filiatreau will chair the meeting.

Global Education-Philina Wittke

Philina introduced herself and gave a brief summary of her role at Virginia Tech.

Global Agricultural Productivity (GAP) Report-Tom Thompson

Tom reported that CALS Global Programs will now produce the annual Global Agricultural Productivity (GAP) Report, previously published by the Global Harvest Initiative. The GAP Report itself is launched at the annual World Food Prize (often called the "Nobel Prize of Agriculture") event in Des Moines Iowa each October. The GAP Report will be the centerpiece of a broader GAP Report Initiative, which will feature social media, blogs, campus events, invited speakers, a campus launch, and other events to highlight the importance of increasing agricultural productivity for human flourishing and environmental protection. The goal is to make this a VT initiative. A story was published in the VT News in December 2018 that outlined the initiative.

LCI-Don Back and Rich Mathieson

Rich Mathieson showed a video of "*Claim Your Role,*" which will be used at the NAFSA conference to be held in May. The event will be in DC. Don encouraged all who would like to participate in the event to let him know. He also mentioned the intent to launch a magazine entitled "*VT Global.*"

Pamplin-Svetlana Filiatreau

Svetlana reminded everyone of the speaker series event with Sean-Patrick Lovett on March 19. There are still slots available for meetings on March 20.

College international activities

Svetlana presented the Pamplin College of Business' international activities. She distributed 2 handouts. These will be made available on the Google drive.

Debra Stoudt will present on behalf of CLAHS at the March 25th meeting.

Old Business

Tom has reached out to Frank Shushok regarding international visitor housing options. Frank or a colleague will plan to attend the April UCIA meeting.

New Business: None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Patricia S. Hughes
Recording Secretary