

University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA)
Minutes
February 26, 2018
526 Prices Fork Road Blacksburg, Room 121 A

Attendance:

Debra Stoudt, Theresa Johannson, Amer Hilal, Dudipta Mukhezjee, Deb Eason, Ian Leuschner, Shelby Miller, Monika Gibson, Tom Thompson, Don Back, Svetlana Filiatreau, Mallory Miller, Patricia Hughes

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Ian Leuschner, chair welcomed everyone. Introductions were made.

2. **The Alumni Awards** committee is ready to meet. The final selections will be sent to Patricia for her to lead into Canvas.

3. COIA Update-Ian Leuschner

4. Points of focus for the Group

- There is still confusion about the meaning of the term “Global Land Grant University”
- It seems that clarification would be helpful from Guru
- It was suggested that an invitation be made to President Sands to come and clarify this for the group.
- Many felt it would be helpful to have a specific set of questions to guide the discussion.

5. Other Items-UCIA Members

- Monica reported that Graduate applications and acceptances age down between 10 and 15 percent.
- Immigration service fees are being proposed to the Board of Visitors-\$275.00 fee per student per semester. This is thought to be excessive for students here on an F-1 or J-1 status,
- Peer institutions do charge such fees but at a much lower rate.
- It was suggested that some members talk to David at the Cranwell Center and see if there was enough time to develop a resolution to go to the Board of Visitors.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Patricia S. Hughes
Recording Secretary