

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

Attendance:

Debra Stoudt, Philina Wittke, Svetlana Filiatreau, Keith Goyne, Van Crowder, Latanya Walker, Mallory Miller, April Raphiou, Amer Hilal, Danny White, David Clubb, , Gene Ball, Nicole Sanderlin, Jenene Belcher

Svetlana Filiatreau, vice-chair, welcomed everyone. Introductions were made.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2019 meeting as distributed. The motion carried.

Schedule for remaining meetings:

April 22, 2019

May 6, 2019

Discussion centered on the May 6 meeting. It is two weeks from the April meeting and it is the beginning of exams. A decision will be made based and shared with the committee.

Debby distributed a flyer for the Chris Merkelbach presentation on March 26.

Updates:

David Clubb announced the date for the International Street Fair-April 28, noon until 5:00 PM. It is the 60th Anniversary of the event.

David announced that on April 8 there will be a presentation of Student Barometer Data at the Hyatt Place from 12-4 which will include lunch.

The Fourth Annual International Student Achievement Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 15 from 7:00-9:00 PM. An invitation will be forwarded to all members.

Van Crowder discussed the Hunger on Campus Survey that was conducted on campus. Faculty leading this survey are Maria Elisa Christie, Ralph Hall and Tom Archibald. Preliminary results indicate that International Students are the group most affected by food insecurity. They are working on a final report to present to Guru Ghosh, Cyril Clarke and possibly President Sands, all of whom have been made aware of the survey from its inception.

Nicole Sanderlin, the chair of the sub-committee on Global Data will hold their next meeting on April 4. Svetlana Filiatreau asked the members for other units' experience and recommendations for tracking international employment of recent graduates, in particular of international students. It was suggested that VT Career and Professional Development may be the best source of data for international employment of VT graduates. David Clubb shared that VT tracks OPT employment of recent graduates since VT is the sponsor of their students visas. Amer suggested using LinkedIn's search engines to possible obtain relevant data.

Alumni Awards Committee:

The Awards Committee has reviewed all submissions and have made their final decisions. The winners have been notified. They will receive their award at the Faculty Awards dinner in August.

Debby Stoudt presented a program on the international activities from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. She distributed a flyer summarizing their activities as well as the link to their website:

<https://sites.google.com/vt.edu/officeofthedean/committees/international-initiatives>

Old Business

Valerie Ragan sent word that there was an apartment available through VCOM for short-term guests. Frances Keene, Interim Director, Housing and Residence life will speak at our April 22 meeting.

New Business:

A question was raised about units' participation in the Provost's office initiatives to integrate experiential learning in the curriculum. Mallory suggest that the group might want to invite Kim Filer, Assistant Provost for Teaching and Learning and Director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning to speak to the committee. Tom and Svetlana will reach out to Dr. Filer to invite her to the April 22 or May 6 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Patricia S. Hughes
Recording Secretary