

University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA)

April 25, 2022

Zoom Minutes

Attending virtually: Theresa Johansson (presiding), Don Back, Juan Espinoza, Rachel Fitzgerald, Monika Gibson, Khaled Hassouna, Don Hempson, Farida Jalalzai, Christi Lineberry, Rich Mathieson, Jamie McGrath, Kim McKinnie, Jennifer Nardine, Michel Pleimling, Valerie Ragan, Kimberly Rhodes, Nicole Sanderlin, Sara Steinert Borella, Lauren Surface, John Talerico, David Trinkle, Larry Vaughan, Janell Watson

Theresa Johansson welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

1. **Announcement of Approval of Minutes, March 28, 2022:** Theresa announced that the minutes from the March 28, 2022 meeting had been previously distributed electronically, with the call for edits and approval. The minutes were approved electronically.

Theresa indicated that in addition to the updates, the meeting was going to be directed toward the priorities of next year and asked that the working groups get their notes to Kimberly Rhodes. Discussions included how to move UCIA forward for next year.

2. **Updates:**

a. **Working Group updates and chair selections:**

- i. MOU process/database working group-Don Hempson discussed the update was not much more substantive than what was reported at the March meeting; other than sketching out additional conversations regarding the use of the Summit system and getting the group together for a demo to include pulling together a timeline. Since the NAFSA conference was coming up soon, discussions and networking may occur on moving forward. Discussion included bringing Maureen Deisinger in for insight.
- ii. Global Advancement and Alumni Engagement-Christi Lineberry reported that the group has not met since last meeting; but have moved forward with discussion of Alumni Events and working with Sara Steinert Borella for 2023. The idea is to have an event in a European Country once a year; conversations will begin after commencement regarding College insights.
- iii. Internationalization at Home-Rachel Fitzgerald presented (see attached); reported on the structure and creative identity and hoped to engage staff and invited them to the table. The presentation included university-wide communicator guidelines and tags to be developed and connection with Sara and the Steger Center. The hope is to connect with global partners virtually.

3. **Academic Year 2022-2023 Planning:** Discussion included plans for next year. Theresa explained that the purpose of UCIA was to invite all units on campus to meet as one group to collaborate and share information regarding global engagement. Members should bring back information to their individual units as well as bring to UCIA information from their units and to speak on behalf of their units. Discussions should include how Colleges are including global engagement and what are the priorities as well as challenges. The purpose is to discuss what would make members feel would be a good use of their time. Suggestions included presentations and in-person engagement. Some members expressed

a desire to get back to in-person meetings; it was explained that meetings will always be hybrid due to the make up of members that are not on the Blacksburg Campus; and members that occasionally have a need to connect remotely. Discussion also included suggestions for change and the path from UCIA up to the Commission on Outreach and International Affairs (COIA). The response was that there may be some changes in policy that may need to go through COIA, and some discussions that may not need to be elevated, but shared internally.

The nomination for a Vice Chair for next year was discussed; there were currently no nominations. Nominations will be taken from now until the next meeting; to be fully discussed and voted on.

4. Member Announcements/Comments:

The call for announcements and comments was made. Kim McKinnie asked if there were restrictions for summer Study Abroad; Theresa indicated that yes, there were some COVID restrictions which were dependent upon the destination of travel; but that petitions to the Global Travel Oversight Committee (GTOC) could be made and would be evaluated.

Farida Jalalzai announced the Jean Monnet Annual Lecture to occur today, April 25, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. <https://liberalarts.vt.edu/research-centers/ceuttss/events.html>.

Nicole Sanderlin wanted to congratulate David Clubb on the success of the International Street Fair that was held on April 24, 2022.

5. Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

A reminder that the next meeting will be held on **Monday, September 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. (Blacksburg Time)/4:00 p.m. (Swiss Time)**. Please note this is a change in time from our previous meeting time.

2022-2023 Meeting Dates

All meetings will take place from 10:00-11:00 a.m. (Blacksburg Time). Those members unable to attend are encouraged to send a proxy/alternate to the meeting. We anticipate meetings to be in person at 526 Prices Fork Road as well as via Zoom for remote participants. A determination for Zoom Only meetings will be made based on community health guidelines prior to meetings. Zoom links will be made available for each meeting.

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| ➤ September 26, 2022 | ➤ February 27, 2023 |
| ➤ October 24, 2022 | ➤ March 27, 2023 |
| ➤ November 28, 2022 | ➤ April 24, 2023 |
| ➤ NO DECEMBER MEETING | ➤ NO MAY MEETING |
| ➤ January 23, 2023 | |

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly Rhodes,
Recording Secretary