

**University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA)**  
**Minutes**  
**August 26, 2019**  
**526 Prices Fork Road Blacksburg, Room 121 A**

**Attendance:**

Members: Svetlana Filiatreau, David Clubb, Ian Leuschner, John Talerico, Shelby Miller, Tom Thompson, Janell Watson, Jennifer Nardine, Latanya Walker, Monika Gibson, Don Back, Theresa Johansson, Keith Goyne, Debra Stoudt, Andrea Brunais, David Trinkle

Guests: Patricia Parera

**Agenda Items:**

1. Nominations for the UCIA vice-chair for 2019-2020
  - a. Latanya Walker was elected as vice-chair
2. Resolution to update UCIA By-Laws to change membership by adding a representative from VT Carilion School of Medicine.
  - a. David Trinkle, Associate Dean, Community and Culture, VTC School of Medicine has been named as the representative for the School of Medicine for UCIA.
  - b. The Resolution was read (first reading) with minor changes-UCIA is a committee not a Council.
3. Member Updates:
  - a. Update on Internationalization data task force-Nicole Sanderlin. Nicole's report was read by Svetlana Filiatreau as she was unable to attend. A summary of the report is as follows:
    - i. Nicole would like to reconvene the group with two goals in mind. They are 1. Drafting a recommendation to COIA on the university's global data needs and 2. Coordinating across colleges and units to pull data for annual reporting this fall.
  - b. Update on China orientation-David Clubb
    - i. David reported that there were 225 students and family members that participated in the pre-departure training which translates to an 80% participation rate of incoming students
  - c. Update on Hokies in London and other international alumni events-Latanya Walker
    - i. Latanya Walker distributed a post card for Black Alumni Reunion 2020
    - ii. She distributed a Call for Nominations-Virginia Tech Black Alumni Reunion 2020
  - d. Language Flagship grant-Janell Watson
    - i. Janell distributed a handout on Grant Proposal, Arabic and Russian
  - e. UN-FAO-Tom Thomson
    - i. Tom distributed a handout about potential collaboration with FAO under the umbrella of the FAO Global Internship. FAO provides no funding.
4. Proposed UCIA focus for 2019-2020
  - a. UCIA members indicated the need to have centrally coordinated efforts on the following issues:

- Taking direction from the Provost's Strategic Plan and capitalizing on the University's rankings to recommend to COIA and number of areas for strategic global engagement.
  - Putting recommendations to COIA to create a university-wide, comprehensive system that will connect all global activities undertaken departments and VT units.
  - Make recommendations to COIA on the integration of Global Alumni Engagement within the overall strategy for VT global engagement ecosystem (from recruitment, to yield events, faculty travel and faculty-alumni engagement, to alumni gatherings, and alumni-facilitated recruitment and outreach activities).
  - Providing recommendations to COIA on data collection used for internal reporting and requiring coordinated efforts of internal stakeholders.
- b. More discussion needed.
5. Other items:
- a. Don Back announced that language classes are available for faculty and staff and that sign language has been added
  - b. He also announced that a group of Pakistani high school teachers will visit for 4-5 weeks, there will be 2 groups of 15.
  - c. Housing has been an issue for this group
  - d. Patricia Parera announced a Columbia opportunity for undergraduate internships, 4-6 months in length. Anyone that is interested should contact her directly.
6. Meeting Schedule for 2019-2020
- a. The November meeting was moved to December and will be held on December 2.
- September 23, 2019  
October 28, 2019  
December 2, 2019  
January 27, 2020  
February 24, 2020  
March 23, 2020  
April 27, 2020  
May 25, 2020

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Patricia S. Hughes  
Recording Secretary