

University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA)
Minutes
September 23, 2019
526 Prices Fork Road Blacksburg, Room 121 A

Attendance:

Members: Latanya Walker, Jenene Belcher, Janell Watson, Svetlana Filiatreau, Keith Goynes, April Raphiou, Nicole Sanderlin, Danny White, Debra Stoudt, Rachel Fitzgerald, Larry Vaughan, Marielle Wijnands, John Tolerico, Ian Leuschner, Don Hempson, David Clubb, Andrea Burnais, Monika Gibson

1. Introductions: Each person present introduced themselves and the areas that they represent.
2. The minutes of the August 26, 2019 meeting were approved as distributed.
3. Welcome to Don Hempson our new AVP for International Affairs: Don introduced himself and gave us a brief summary of his background.
4. Resolution to update UCIA by-Laws to change membership by adding a representative from VT Carilion School of Medicine. This was the second reading and the resolution is now referred to COIA.
5. Data Collection Task Force-Nicole
Nicole is scheduling the next meeting of the Task Force. Their goal is to have recommendations ready to go to COIA by the end of the semester.
6. University wide student level global competencies and implementation-Marielle Wijnands
Marielle presented a PowerPoint and distributed a handout addressing the concept of a University Wide Student Level Global Competencies Initiative which is in its early stages of planning.
7. UCIA's contribution to strategic planning recommendations VT global engagement alignment with VT strategic plan (group discussion), was tabled until a later date.
8. COIA International Alumni Engagement and Advancement sub-committee update and next steps (Svetlana and group discussion)
Svetlana reported on the COIA meeting and discussed a review of the 2018 report that was previously submitted to COIA. Discussion followed with concerns that this was a duplication of a previous effort that did not result in positive outcomes. The sub-committee meeting will be scheduled in October to review the report and provide updated recommendations to COIA.
9. Awards sub-committee for the 2020 VT Alumni Awards:
 - a. Alumni Awards for International Education
 - b. Alumni Awards for international Outreach
 - c. Alumni Awards for international Research

Patricia has updated the Application packet and will distribute the information in early November. The review committee will consist of the following: Danny White, John Tolerico, Nicole Sanderlin and an as yet to be named award winner from last year.

10. Other

Larry Vaughan talked about the Peace Corps prep certificate program that will be submitted by the end of November and if successful, will start next fall.

There was discussion around inviting Kim Filer back to speak with the group about the Creation of an Academy of Experiential Learning and about aligning VT's efforts to advance global learning opportunities with the university's emphasis on experiential learning

There was discussion concerning funding for Study Abroad. The committee members expressed hope that GEO Director's earlier letters to COIA would bear fruit. In addition, there is a need to assess whether VT could leverage the "school of record model" to generate additional funding that could be translated into study abroad scholarships and grants.

11. Meeting Schedule for 2019-2020

The November meeting was moved to December and will be held on December 2.

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