

University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA)
Minutes
September 24, 2018
526 Prices Fork Road Blacksburg, Room 121 A

Attendance:

Monika Gibson, Shelby Miller, Judy Taylor, Maureen Deisinger, Debra Stoudt, Rob Emmett, Theresa Johansson, Tom Thompson, Ian Leuschner, Janell Watson, Svetlana Filiatreau, Valerie Ragan, Andrea Brunais, Latanya Walker, Jenene Belcher, Amer Hilal, Guru Ghosh, Patricia Hughes

Tom Thompson, chair welcomed everyone. Introductions were made.

The position of Vice-Chair was discussed. Svetlana Filiatreau was nominated and elected to fill the position.

Neither Tom nor Svetlana will be able to attend the October meeting. A decision will be made about this meeting and the membership will be notified.

Dr. Guru Ghosh, vice president for Outreach and International Affairs addressed the group. He started with the definition of a global land-grant university by saying that this means different things to different people. He stressed that our greatest asset is our people. He went on to say that we have to bring in more scholars from around the world-or bring the world to VT. He then touched on recruitment and retention of said scholars.

He touched on the importance of the Global Education Office and stated that more resources are needed for student scholarships.

Guru stated that there was a need to help Advancement make globalization a priority in the next Capital Campaign. Advancement is looking at return on investment and we have to show them the potential return. It was also stressed that our Alumni must be engaged.

Housing opportunities for visiting scholars was discussed. Guru's vision is for all OIA to be housed under one roof in a living/learning community.

Ian discussed the increased fees for International students.

Theresa mentioned the GEO Jump campaign.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Patricia S. Hughes
Recording Secretary