

University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA)
Minutes
November 26, 2018
526 Prices Fork Road Blacksburg, Room 121 A

Attendance:

Monika Gibson, Shelby Miller, Judy Taylor, Maureen Deisinger, Debra Stoudt, Theresa Johansson, Tom Thompson, Ian Leuschner, Svetlana Filiatreau, Latanya Walker, Jenene Belcher, Guru Ghosh, Patricia Hughes, Gene Ball, Nicole Sanderlin, Martha Jensen, Don Back, Robert Bodnar

Tom Thompson, chair welcomed everyone. Introductions were made.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2018 meeting as distributed. The motion carried.

The following meeting schedule was announced:

December-no meeting
January 28, 2019
February 25, 2019
March 25, 2019
April 22, 2019
May 2019-TBD

All meetings will be held from 10:30-11:30 AM in Conference Room A, 526 Prices Fork Road.

The information packet for the 2018 Alumni Awards for Excellence in International Education, Outreach, and Research has been posted. Submissions are due by close of business on Thursday, January 31, 2019. A review committee will be appointed at the January meeting.

Updates:

Global Education Office: Theresa Johansson

Theresa welcomed her newest staff member-Martha Jensen. Martha is the Faculty Support Associate for Global Education.

Pamplin College of Business: Svetlana Filiatreau

Svetlana reported on her trip to China where she was able to connect with over 350 VT Alumni.

LCI: Don Back

LCI completed its first Alumni event is the UAE, on November 16 with a participation of 80-85 VT Alumni, students and friends. The Virginia Tech FutureHAUS Dubai was on display and was very impressive.

Outreach and International Affairs: Guru Ghosh

Guru announced the Hokies in London event coming in June of 2019. This is the third event of its kind and has been very successful in strengthening connections with international alumni.

COIA: Guru Ghosh

Brett and Theresa drafted a memo, which was sent to the Provost (a copy is attached), regarding the monetary support needed to further the goals of the University as it relates to Study Abroad. It was suggested that Theresa contact Advancement to outline the needs and objectives for the next several years.

College International Activities: Tom Thompson

Tom shared an overview of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Global Programs mission and activities. He distributed three handouts that outlined the three main initiatives:

1. Global Opportunities-early career faculty development
2. Travel grants to for partnerships
3. Study/Work Abroad

Presenting at the January meeting will be Nicole Sanderlin, Director of Global Engagement in the College of Engineering and Van Crowder, Executive Director of the Center for International Research, Education, and Development. They will present a 10 minute overview of their work.

Gene Ball, Director, International Finance & Administration suggested that a Google drive be created for the group. Patricia will get this done as soon as possible.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Patricia S. Hughes
Recording Secretary