World Affairs Conference  
Executive Planning Council Meeting  
Friday, April 4, 2014  
3:30 PM, COE B155  

MINUTES

Present: Bonnie Payne, Toni Hill, Megan Hartman, Barbara Amundson, Stephen Amundson, Matt Mims, Will Aviles

Absent: Maria Gutierrez, Lorma Wiebe, David Wiebe, Carol Lilly, Megan Forgey

I. Funding
   a. Funding will be limited for the September 2014 Conference.
      i. We have a $10,000 commitment from Academic Affairs
      ii. We have the annual $2,331 permanent funding in the International Education World Affairs Cost Center.
      iii. We will apply for an Artists and Lecturers Grant.

II. September 2014 Conference
   a. Given the funding limitations, the committee discussed several options related to the 2014 conference. Should we cancel? Should we make it a single speaker event with the currently booked keynote speaker? Should we make it a single speaker event with a different speaker? Should we hold a mini one-day conference?
   b. The decision was made to hold a one-day conference. The theme will be “Positive Engagement in the Global Community”.
   c. Given the limited funding, we will retain Tom Clynes as the keynote speaker and will ask local and regional (within Nebraska) individuals and organizations to participate in panels or presentations to talk about the exceptional things they have done to make a difference around the world.
      i. Examples discussed are Water4Haiti, Tiny Hands, Callaway United Methodist Church, Grand Island Physician to Zambia, other physicians who have done medical missionary work, Dusty Reynolds tshirt company, Palestinian Rights Group from Omaha.

III. Contract with Academic Affairs
   a. Committee discussed and signed the updated contract presented by Dr. Bicak.

IV. Other
   a. In an effort to not overspend, we will make color copies of a flier on campus, rather than posters. We will not have programs, but will make the schedule available online, and perhaps on the flier. Additionally, we will not host a luncheon but will possibly do “take a delegate to lunch.”

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 13, 3:30 PM in COE B155.