World Affairs Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 11, 2013, 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Pooja Shrestha, Megan Forgey, Will Aviles, Shahla Alavi, Megan Hartman, David Wiebe, Lorma Wiebe, Toni Hill, Bonnie Payne, Stephen Amundson, Barbara Amundson, Matt Mims

Absent: Carol Lilly

I. Committee Make Up
   a. Bonnie Payne introduced newest member, Megan Forgey
   b. Group all introduced themselves for sake of newer members

II. Revisit Title of Conference
   a. Title chosen in last meeting: Thoughtful Tweets? Can Internet Really Change the World?
   The group discussed concerns that “Thoughtful Tweets” makes for the appearance of a very narrow focus. Will Aviles presented four different suggestions for titles:
      • New Media and Social Change: Technology and the Public Sphere
      • New Media and Social Revolutions: Can the Internet Change the World?
      • New Media and Social Change: How Powerful is the Internet?
      • Technology and Power: Can New Media Bring About Social Change?
   Other titles that evolved out of discussion include:
      • Technology and Power: Can the Internet bring about Global Change?
      • Technology and Power: The Consequences of New Media
      • Technology and Power: The Global Consequences of New Media
      • Technology and Power: The Global Outcomes of New Media
      • Internet and Power: The Global Outcomes of New Media.
   After a vote, the consensus was that Technology and Power: The Global Outcomes of New Media should be the title for the 2013 conference.

III. Speakers
   a. Confirmed
      i. Keynote speaker Harry Wu contract has been signed.
      ii. Mahabir Pun has agreed to come speak at the conference.
      iii. Two persons from Dakota State University will speak about their government sponsored lab that trains students to catch high profile hackers.
   b. Contacted
      i. Matt Mims reported on invitation to brother-in-law who is a program problem solver for Microsoft. He is trying to obtain permission to participate.
      ii. Stephen Amundson has made contact with PayPal and will follow up.
      iii. Bonnie Payne has contacted Abbie Davis with Xpanxion. Abbie will check with Paul Eurek to see if our theme is a good fit for Xpanxion to speak again?
   c. Will Contact
      i. Bonnie Payne will contact someone at Buckle to see if they could speak from a business perspective.
ii. Stephen Amundson plans to send campus announce asking faculty for input on participant ideas.

iii. Will Aviles plans to find a scholar who could speak on Middle East and Arab Spring.

iv. Megan Hartman will look into persons who could speak on how internet has affected English language changes.

v. Matt Mims will research micro-lending and see if he can find someone who could speak on this topic.

vi. Stephen Amundson will research Global Voices Online to see about speakers.

vii. Stephen noted that it would be good to have someone who can speak on Latin America. Bonnie will see if it is possible to have someone from Colombian National Police participate.

viii. Toni Hill is going to contact New America Foundation to see about a speaker recommendation, especially Joseph Siegle, whose research deals with Africa.

ix. Stephen will talk to peers going to A.I.M. conference to ask them to bring back speaker ideas.

d. Other
   i. The committee felt Rebecca MacKinnon is too focused on China, since keynote deals with China too.

IV. Transportation
   a. Sherry Morrow and Ramesh Neupane will coordinate transportation schedule.
   b. Sherry will talk to Killion’s about feasibility of use of a van in order to utilize retired faculty for drivers.

V. Other
   a. Regarding Artists and Lecturers funding, Stephen has reported that groups can now make requests during both the Spring and Fall semesters for funds to be used for the following semester. This should help us in the future.
   b. Regarding poster design, the group wants to use graphic design student if possible. Bonnie will see if Rick Schuessler has a student who could work on this. We want to make sure the poster has different internet and social media icons and catch phrases in order to represent the broad capabilities of new media.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 8, 1:30 p.m. in COE B155.