CIS 2012 – Department Sessions

"Reconciliation: Hope in a Divided World," is the theme for Hope's 2012 Critical Issues Symposium. Reconciliation is a multi-layered concept, inviting engagement in several ways and drawing upon resources from several disciplines. At CIS, we embody our commitment to open inquiry and civil discourse, and to do so guided by the highest standards of intellectual integrity and in a spirit of Christian love. As always, the Critical Issues Symposium seeks to enhance discernment, understanding and cooperation for all constituencies of Hope College about a topic of vital importance to our global society.

This year's CIS program will be held September 25-26, 2012, dates which will come up quickly after classes begin. At this time, one of our keynote speakers has been secured: Miroslav Volf of the Center for Faith & Culture at Yale Divinity School. The committee is presently at work on invitations to other writers and scholars working in the area of Reconciliation.

Department-sponsored sessions have proven to be a popular part of the CIS program since they were introduced in 2004. In these sessions, departments focus on the issue at hand in a way specific to their disciplines. Though designed for Hope students, department events are open to the public and publicized for community members who are interested in your discipline as it relates to the CIS theme. Department Sessions may begin as early as 2:15 pm on Wednesday.

If you should have questions or need more information, please call me at your convenience. As in previous years, I write to encourage you to consider hosting a departmental session as part of the 2012 Critical Issues Symposium. We are right now seeking to plan the specifics of these sessions. Please read the attached guidelines on how to create such a program and receive partial funding.

New this year – the form can be accessed on the home page of the CIS web site.
http://www.hope.edu/cis/
Please note: The departments are responsible for all aspects of the session, including procuring a speaker, handling travel arrangements, lodging, stipend, room reservation, catering (if needed), and other related needs. However, Jodi MacLean will gladly assist in making these arrangements and will post any relevant information on the CIS web site and in the CIS program booklet. Please alert Jodi of your plans, maclean@hope.edu.

Application for CIS Funding for Departmental Session
(Return to maclean@hope.edu)

Hosting Department: ________________________________

Event Coordinator from Department: ________________________________

Phone: ___________________ E-mail: ________________________________

Room Reservation Number: ________________________________ (please contact Events & Conferences to reserve an appropriate space: the entire campus is already reserved for CIS but you must ask for a specific location and AV.tech set-up for your session.)

Event Time: ________________________________ (2:15 or later on Weds is preferred)

General Description of Speaker/Event and connection to the CIS Theme:

(As your plans develop, please provide name as speaker would like it to appear in publicity and title of the presentation to Jodi MacLean before September 3, 2012.)

Budget for Event: (please list department contribution and expected expenses)

Amount Requested from CIS Committee: ________________________________

Committee Approval/Date: ________________________________