

September 9, 2009

Dear Faculty Member:

I would like to extend an invitation to you and your students to participate in the 31st Annual Indiana Consortium for International Programs Model United Nations Security Council Conference for University/College Students. The conference will take place Thursday evening November 5 through noon on Saturday, November 7 on the campus of Indiana University Southeast in New Albany.

As a teaching method, the model UN has been proven-effective. Students role-play various countries in the world. They learn about the history, politics, and foreign policies of several countries and begin to understand the importance of the United Nations in the world today. Students become familiar with several international problems or issues and experience the give and take of diplomacy as they attempt to pass resolutions in their councils. In addition, the model provides an opportunity for them to improve their public speaking and debate skills and to learn some parliamentary procedure. The experience is a win-win situation for students.

The conference will consist of 4 to 5 model Security Councils. Each council is made up of 15 countries or delegations. Each country/delegation consists of 2 students. University students will serve as chairpersons. If you have an exceptionally capable student who is familiar with parliamentary procedure and/or has participated in this event or a similar event in the past please let me know because I need to recruit chairpersons.

If you and your students would like to participate, please complete the **registration form** that is attached and mail or fax it to me no later than Monday, October 5th. You can send me an email with the information if you'd rather do that. I will begin making country assignments at that time.

Agenda topics for this year include: (1) North Korea and its nuclear weapons program; (2) Iran and its nuclear weapons program; (3) Israeli settlements on the West Bank; (4) Iraq and Syria – Iraqi claims of terrorists receiving safe haven in Syria and slipping across the border into Iraq; and (5) the US embargo of Cuba. While you are waiting on your country assignments it is important that you begin learning “the who, what, when, where and why” of the issues that we will be discussing.

There is another **form for payment of fees** that will need to be completed and mailed no later than October 30th. The cost is \$15 for each student participant (note that if your institution is not a member of ICIP then the cost is \$30 per student).

I have reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Express (411 West Spring St.) in New Albany in the name of Indiana University Southeast – Model UN – Cliff Staten. The number is 812-945-2771. The hotel is just a few minutes from campus.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cliff Staten". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

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