

**Campus Theme Meeting  
November 17, 2015**

Members Present: Anne Aldrich, April Perry, Ashley Beavers, Devan Lalas, George Brown, Katy Ginanni, Kofi Lomotey (Co-Chair), Ling LeBeau, and Stephen LeBeau

Members Absent: Anthony Hickey, Colin Townsend, Cyndy Hughes, Kevan Frazier, Kham Ward, Lane Perry, Laura Wright, Nyaga Mwaniki, Rachel Miller, Rus Binkley, and Saheed Aderinto

Recorder: Deidre Hopkins

1. Kwesi Yankah Visit – Kofi Lomotey stated that we are looking at April 2016 for Kwesi Yankah to visit campus. Kofi is seeking various funding sources for this visit.
2. Folkmoot Group – A group from Ghana has been invited to participate in Folkmoot; however, not 100% sure they have been confirmed because of visa issues. It was discussed that if they are already here in the area, maybe they can come to campus for a performance as well.
  - a. Kati Ginanni knows of a group from Washington, DC if the Folkmoot group falls through.
3. Water is Life – Lane Perry wasn't available so we discussed briefly regarding the email attachment (WCU Partnership Opportunity) that Laura sent the group on 10.23.15. The question is whether or not the committee wants that Water is Life partnership to be part of the Campus Theme or should it be something that the Center for Service Learning does without Campus Theme support? Since Lane wasn't available to discuss and the whole group hadn't read the proposal it was agreed to table this discussion until next month when the group has time to read and do a little research on the subject.
4. Faculty & Student Survey – Stephen LeBeau created a Qualtrics survey to track events related to the Campus Theme. Suggestions from the group:
  - a. Add a space for the # of participants/attendees at the event
  - b. Work with the reporter so that the information gathered from surveys is recorded somewhere public. (Ashley Beavers will help with this and Deidre Hopkins will update the website.)
    - i. Ashley is creating a graphic we can use for branding events. He is also working on a template for digital signage.
5. Proverbs – Cyndy wasn't available to give an update. It was discussed that we need a plan for chalking the proverbs.
6. Visiting Scholar: Dr. Ian McIntosh – for International Education Week, Dr. Ian McIntosh will present on “Promoting Peace in Kenya” as well as a virtual study in conflict zones. (Ling LeBeau)

7. Lunch in Dining Hall – Anne Aldrich helped coordinate an African themed lunch in the dining hall. The first one was good and had a few logistical hiccups. We'd like to do it a couple times each semester but would like to coordinate those dates with other Africa themed events happening on campus. Anne will look for dates that coincide with the international festival and international week to start.
8. Coulter Commons Africa Leadership Events – Stephen LeBeau gave an update on the Africa Leadership Week. It took place a couple weeks ago in early November. There were specific events linked to the theme and thanked members of the committee for their involvement with different panel discussions.
9. Update from George Brown on things he is working on:
  - a. Booking the Nile Project for either March or April 2017; they will perform as well as appear in interdisciplinary courses.
  - b. Erin Tapley from Art has prints around African Culture (8x11) prints that can go up anywhere.
10. Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 1:00pm