Moving from Crisis Management to Innovation:
Reimagining the Role of World Languages in the 21st-Century Academy

Friday, October 23, 2015

12:30 Registration opens

1:00 Welcome

1:15-1:45 **Session 1: Framing the questions**
Speaker: Ben Rifkin, Provost and Vice President for Educational Affairs, Ithaca College

*Dr. Rifkin will draw on his extensive experience as a language professor and college administrator at a variety of institutions to set the framework for faculty-administrator collaboration in shaping the role of world language programs in the 21st-Century academy.*

1:45-2:15 Large-group discussion of the key issues with Dr. Rifkin

Break

2:30-3:30 **Session 2: Administrative perspectives on institutional and program innovation**
Convener: Steve Griffith, Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs, Simpson College
Panelists:
Mark Braun, Provost and Dean of the College, Gustavus Adolphus College
Michael Sosulski, Associate Provost and Chair of the Department of German and Media Studies, Kalamazoo College
Elizabeth Tobin, Provost and Dean of the College, Illinois College

*This panel of administrators will offer perspectives on institutional innovation and the ways in which individual programs can play a leadership role in the process.*

3:30-3:45 Large group Q&A with panelists

3:45-4:15 Team/table discussion of ways to implement ideas on innovation

Break
4:30-5:00  **Session 3: Student pragmatism and curricular vision**  
Speaker: Jan Solberg, Professor of Romance Languages, Kalamazoo College

*Dr. Solberg brings a wealth of creative experience as an educator and author to bear on questions related to curricular design for the 21st-Century student.*

5:00-5:30  Large-group discussion of the key issues with Dr. Solberg

5:30-6:15  Team/table discussion of ways to implement ideas on curricular (re)design  
Break

6:30  Dinner and table discussions

8:00  Shuttles leave for the Doubletree Hotel

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**Saturday, October 24, 2015**

7:45 and 8:00  Shuttle pick-up at the Doubletree Hotel

8:15-9:00  Breakfast

9:00-9:30  **Session 4: Value-added curricular innovation**  
Speaker: Lee Forester, Professor of German, Hope College

*Dr. Forester offers his innovative vision for curricular change as a springboard for discussion about the ways in which language programs can become central to the educational mission of the academy.*

9:30-10:00  Large-group discussion of the key issues with Dr. Forester

10:00-10:45  Team/table discussion of ways to implement ideas on creating “value-added” language programs  
Break

11:00  **Work time and lunch in teams and/or table groups:** What will we do, based on what we’ve learned and discussed

12:30  Reporting on work

1:30  End of the conference, shuttles leave for the Doubletree Hotel and the airport