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Summary: The students experienced debate, negotiations, public speaking, and the complexities of international relations.

(May 16, 2011)-The University of Minnesota, Morris International Relations Club participated in the 2011 Model United Nations Conference in Chicago, hosted by the University of Chicago.

Participants in the conference included Alicia Beattie, Hastings, Mike Beach, St. Paul, Kristian Nyberg, Minnetonka, Andy Showalter, Maple Grove, Shiva Sharma, Morris, and Eric Gandrud, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Founded in 1988, the Model United Nations Conference “brings to life the problems that face the real world and allows participants to represent their assigned country’s position and work towards resolving issues of global importance.” Its purpose is the education in the arts of debate, negotiation, and public speaking, to introduce students to the complexities of international relations, and to demonstrate the potential of the United Nations in resolving international problems, as well as its limitations.

Photo above: Participants Shiva Sharma and Alicia Beattie

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