

ASIAN FACULTY AND STAFF ASSOCIATION (AFSA) BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 18, 2014

2:10 – 4:00 PM, PHS 129

Attendance: Sarah Lam, Hiromi Kubo, Martha Vungkhanching, Qin Fan, Srinivasa Konduru, Gyanesh Lama, Samendra Sherchan, Marlene Miyasaki, Gil Kim, Deify Law

- Quorum was reached as 6 out of 10 board members attended. Martha called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm. Agenda was approved. Minutes-June 23, 2014 meeting was approved.

Communications and Announcements:

- Martha had contacted Dean Gonzalez via email regarding the joint mixer event but she had not heard back from her.
- In the last board meeting AFSA a decision was made to wait for the university residential hall personnel to contact us for holding student welcome event. No request was received.
- Hiromi is interested in conducting workshop/seminars for API students based on some of the findings from the API survey on assessment of needs she coordinated. Martha requested Hiromi to send board members a copy of findings from the survey.

Agenda Items:

- Review Bylaws
- Due to time constraint only the Purpose section of AFSA was reviewed. Martha asked members to review and be familiar with the AFSA bylaws in their spare time.

Purposes of AFSA

- Gyanesh mentioned about increasing involvement and advancing leadership position of Asian faculty at the university level. He suggested recruiting more Hmong faculty at Fresno State.
- Before planning for next steps, Sarah suggested gathering demographic data. Martha suggested this demographic data acquisition to be an agenda of AY 2014-15. Gyanesh volunteered to request support from the Provost's office to conduct this research work. Some members questioned the alignment of the mentioned research activity with the purposes of AFSA. This led to some discussion on what the purposes of AFSA are, student or faculty focused, or both.

Events for the Fall 2014 Semester

- Hiromi presented several activities for API students and proposed a combined activity of student seminar with tea social. The board approved these events to be held on the first Fridays of October and November for fall semester.
- A tea social will be held on the first Friday of December.
- A speaker event was proposed.
- Gyanesh will be responsible for a social event to promote membership sometime (Friday or Saturday) in October or November.

APAHE Conference and ACE Women Conference

- APAHE's funding for students to attend was discussed. Suggestions were made to support two (2) students to attend APAHE.
- Hiromi will find out how a vice president of a student organization from one of the CSU campuses regarding funding acquisition through CSU system.
- Srinivasa volunteered to seek funding for students to attend APAHE conference.
- ACE women conference will be held in October in Oakland, CA.

AFSA Board Meeting

- Board meeting will be held once a month on the **second Fridays from 2:00 - 4:00 PM at PHS (Professional Human Services), Room 129.**

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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