**ASIAN FACULTY AND STAFF ASSOCIATION (AFSA) BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, November 21, 2014**

**12:30 – 2:00 PM, University Dining Center**

Attendance: Martha Vungkhanching, Hiromi Kubo, Qin Fan, Srinivasa Konduru, Woonki Na, Gena Lew Gong, Sarah Lam, Gyanesh Lama, Brian Tsukimura, Deify Law

* Quorum was reached as 8 out of 10 board members attended. Martha called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm. Minutes of October 24, 2014 meeting was approved.

**Agenda Items Discussed:**

Diversity Forum: Faculty and Student Panel Events went well. Gena, Hiromi, and Yoshiko secured research grants totaling $211,500 from the California State University Chancellor’s Office in partnership with the Office of Institutional Effectiveness for two projects to address the scarcity of research on the success of Southeast Asian-American students in higher education.

Reports from AAPI: Joy and Brian are working with CSU AAPI Initiative’s outreach program to admit/recruit more AAPI students to CSU campuses. Graduating student nominations are requested to be sent to Brian for participating in the Ambassador Training Program.

Student Seminar: Currently, there are three (3) students in the first seminar and one (1) student in the second seminar to support student development. Srini suggested using flyers to encourage students to attend seminars to receive book awards. Gyanesh encouraged connecting the student seminars to the purpose of AFSA: 2.03. Sarah does not think that the funds received from Wells Fargo are justified for the lack of purposes. Martha suggested sustaining relationship with the Wells Fargo by having them coming over to give a talk on home mortgage/loan/financial markets. Srini will coordinate with Gyanesh on Wells Fargo event in February 2015.

Criteria for student selection for the Spring 2015 book awards: The potential criteria are a minimum of 2.75 GPA, participation level in Asian community engagement/student activities including activities with AFSA, and financial needs statement.

Recruitment/Fundraising: As of October 3, 2014, 288 employees have Asian heritage and only 28 of them are AFSA members. Gyanesh suggested core members with paid membership to have voting rights. Qin suggested Howard to create an online membership application. Sarah mentioned the issues of changing bylaws for allowing voting powers for members-only. The Board voted unanimously for AFSA to continue the annual membership fee of $15 to join AFSA and AFSA events are open for everyone. Martha suggested that AFSA sends an invitation to listserv to invite Asian faculty/staff to become a member of AFSA at the beginning of each semester.

AFSA Student Events: Gena and Hiromi raised concerns on whether we should continue student seminars in Spring 2015 semester. Gena suggested that each board member to visit different student organizations during the Spring 2015 semester.

**Next Board Meeting:**

The upcoming board meeting is scheduled on February 6, 2016 from 12 to 2 PM at room PHS 129.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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